The D’Angelo Law Library supports the research, teaching, and learning of the University of Chicago Law School community, including the work of a highly productive faculty, the education of nearly seven-hundred students, publication of three peer-reviewed journals and four student-edited law reviews, and the litigation and transactional work of eighteen clinics in a variety of practice areas. In recent years, the number of clinics and research centers has grown, including the Corporate Lab, the Constitutional Law Center, the Center for Law and Finance, and a new journal, the University of Chicago Business Law Review. D’Angelo also serves as the primary legal collection supporting the research of historians, sociologists, economists, and other specialists in the social sciences, sciences, and the humanities at the University of Chicago. The Law Library further supports new areas of scholarship. It preserves the Law School’s history by collecting publications and other materials and working with the University Archives to ensure long-term access.

D’Angelo continues to build on the historical strengths of its collection: comprehensive Anglo-American primary law, treatises, and journals, extensive collections in foreign, comparative, and international law; ancient legal systems, legal history, and rare books. University of Chicago Law School research has long been interdisciplinary and empirical in focus. D’Angelo relies heavily upon the collections of the University of Chicago Library System in the social sciences, sciences, humanities, area studies, and for U.S. and international government documents. The Law Library collects in disciplines related to legal scholarship, acquiring current general materials that introduce and define a subject, and building and maintaining a non-law collection supporting the Law School.

D’Angelo develops its collections to enable researchers to conduct broad and inclusive scholarship and for students to learn about topics less represented in the discussion of law. In selecting and acquiring diverse materials for the collection, D’Angelo focuses on underrepresented individuals, groups, and perspectives in choosing subject matter, authors, publishers, and audiences.

Formats

The D’Angelo Law Library shifted its collecting practices during the 2020-2021 pandemic preferring the e-book format for most monographs. D’Angelo now acquires the entire front-list of major law publishers, such as Oxford University Press, Edward Elgar, Hart, and Springer, as e-books. Its GOBI approval plan now calls for e-books rather than print. Where possible, the Law Library selects e-books free of digital rights management (DRM) restrictions and without limits on simultaneous users. E-books also offer the possibility of purchases by a consortium such as Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) or the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) and for evidence-based acquisition in subjects that the Law Library infrequently collects. D’Angelo purchases print copies of books when requested by faculty for their work. In the future, the Law Library plans to continue its active acquisition of e-books for their greater accessibility, searchability, and text-mining capability, but acquire monographs in print instead when the content of the material, user preference, or permanence in access dictates. D’Angelo further will continue to assess and evaluate format preferences for its collections. D’Angelo will duplicate book formats when appropriate for the scholarship and learning of its research community.
For practitioner treatises, the Law Library prefers access through an online service, such as *Lexis, Westlaw, Wolters Kluwer VitalLaw*, or *PLI Plus*, where the content can be searched and browsed by itself or as part of a larger corpus of works. D’Angelo continues to purchase some well-regarded treatises in print. Lexis treatises are also available in more readable form in D’Angelo’s subscription to the *LexisNexis Digital Library*. The Law Library may select more treatises in e-book platforms from other publishers when it becomes practical.

For journals, D’Angelo prefers electronic versions from a vendor that offers a guarantee of perpetual access. It relies on *Hein Online* as a reliable source for most U.S. law reviews and open access through institutional repositories and journal websites. The Law Library subscribes to print for the UChicago Law journals and a few journal publications from other law schools. D’Angelo anticipates that other law schools will maintain print archives for their law reviews and journals and make them available through resource sharing as needed.

The Law Library rarely acquires content in microform, except when it is the only practical and available format for materials such as newspapers.

D’Angelo has ceased collecting most loose-leaf services in print, such as the *Standard Federal Tax Reporter*. The Law Library continues to acquire well-regarded treatises produced in loose-leaf format, including *Moore’s Federal Practice, Powell on Real Property, and Nimmer on Copyright*.

D’Angelo has an extensive collection of online subscriptions, https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/law/databases/, including all major legal databases, *Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law, Wolters Kluwer VitalLaw, HeinOnline, Fastcase, LLMC Digital, PLI Plus*, the ProQuest and Gale law resources, and many others for U.S. and foreign, comparative and international law research. Additionally, the Law School community has access to over 700 databases in other disciplines licensed by the University of Chicago Library. D’Angelo and the other UChicago libraries prefer campus-wide access to all database subscriptions when possible.

**United States Law**

Multiple online sources now exist for U.S. primary law. D’Angelo relies on the major legal databases for current U.S. law and, with some exceptions for U.S. federal and Illinois law materials, no longer collects it comprehensively. The Law Library maintains its historical collections of U.S. law. But the Law Library expects preserving historical case law and statutes will become a cooperative matter, with shared print repositories serving many libraries.

*Tribal Law*. Few tribal codes and court decisions are published in print. D’Angelo secures access to tribal opinions through online services, including *Westlaw, Lexis, Fastcase*, and the National Indian Law Library.

**Federal Statutes**

The Law Library acquires the official *United States Code*, the annotated *United States Code Annotated (USCA)*, and *United States Code Service (USCS)* in print. It retains past editions of the *United States Code* and all supplements and superseded volumes of both *USCA* and *USCS*. 
D’Angelo has the United States Statutes at Large in print and has a set of United States Code Congressional and Administrative News, current to 2014.

The Law Library receives the bound United States Treaties and Treaties and other International Agreements (TIAS) pamphlets in print, along with the indexes originally edited by Igor Kavass and Adolf Sprudzs.

Federal Legislative History

The Law Library relies primarily on ProQuest Congressional, ProQuest Legislative Insight, and Hein Online for compiled legislative histories, public laws, bills, bill tracking reports, hearings, committee prints, committee reports, documents, and debates. D’Angelo also relies on the free, official government sites, Congress.gov and GovInfo, especially for tracking the latest legislative information. D’Angelo continues to acquire the Congressional Record in print, through the federal depository program, and also has access to the Serial Set, Congressional Record and Committee Hearings in print in the University of Chicago Library’s campus storage at the Mansueto Library.

Federal Agency Regulations and Decisions


The Law Library collects some decisions of federal administrative agencies in print if available through the federal depository program or a commercial publisher. Generally, it relies on the increased availability of administrative rulings on agency websites and access via subscription databases including Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law, and Wolters Kluwer VitalLaw.

Federal Judicial Materials

D’Angelo collects the United States Reports, West’s Supreme Court Reporter, and United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers Edition in print. United States Reports are also available from the Court, Hein Online, and the Caselaw Access Project. Cases from the Federal Reporter, Federal Supplement, Federal Rules Decisions, and other West federal reporters are available from Westlaw, Lexis, and the Caselaw Access Project, and other free online sources. In 2020, D’Angelo ceased collecting opinions of the lower federal courts in print, but it retains its historical holdings.

The Law Library is a depository for briefs from the United States Supreme Court. This collection is supplemented by access through the Court’s web site, and D’Angelo’s subscriptions to ProQuest Supreme Court Insight, The Making of Modern Supreme Law: Briefs and Records of the United States Supreme Court 1832-1978, Lexis, Westlaw, and Landmark Briefs and Arguments.

D’Angelo offers broad access to dockets, briefs, and filings from federal courts. This content is available through Bloomberg Law, Lexis Courtlink, and the free Recap archive. The Law Library also subscribes to The Making of Modern Supreme Law: Briefs and Records of the United States Courts of Appeals. D’Angelo relies on LLMC Digital for the briefs of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
D’Angelo retains annotated cases including the *Trinity Series, Lawyers’ Report Annotations* (LRA), *American Law Reports 1st-5th, ALR Federal*, updated to 2014, and all volumes published of *ALR International*. The Law Library subscribes to the print *United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers Edition*.

**Secondary Sources**

**Treatises**

D’Angelo acquires well-regarded practitioner treatises in print such as *Federal Practice and Procedure* (Wright and Miller), *Wigmore on Evidence, Nimmer on Copyright*, and *Williston on Contracts*. The Law Library relies on online practice treatises on *Lexis, Westlaw, Wolters Kluwer Vital Law, Bloomberg Law,* and *PLJ Plus*. The Law Library acquires all scholarly monographs about U.S. law. D’Angelo collects some subject areas intensively, including antitrust, bankruptcy, biography, commercial law, contract law, constitutional law, corporate governance, criminal law, critical race theory, eminent domain, family law, foreign relations law, immigration and asylum law, intellectual property, law and economics, law and literature, legal history, mergers and acquisitions, Native American law, philosophy of law, property law, securities law, and tax law. Subject areas that D’Angelo collects less comprehensively, and primarily for student and clinic needs, are administrative law, cyberlaw, environmental law, financial services law, health law, insurance, labor and employment law, legal ethics, litigation, mineral law, municipal law, oil and gas law, public utilities regulation, school law, social welfare, and trusts and estates.

D’Angelo retains old editions of treatises and superseded volumes of continually-updated treatises in storage. The Law Library does not keep most treatises published annually or semiannually on newsprint or replaced pages of treatises published in loose-leaf format.

**Encyclopedias**


**Formbooks**

D’Angelo does not acquire formbooks in print. Transactional practice materials are available on *Practical Law*, *Lexis Practical Guidance, Bloomberg Law*, and the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) course handbooks in print and *IICLE Online*. The Law School’s commercial law courses make extensive use of EDGAR.

**Restatements and Uniform Laws**

The Law Library receives all draft and final Restatements and Projects of the American Law Institute. D’Angelo has a print *Uniform Laws Annotated* (ULA), with the laws proposed by the Uniform Law Commission, formerly the National Conference of Commissioners for Uniform State Laws, and relies on *Westlaw* for current updates to the ULA.

**Study Supplements**
The Law Library now subscribes to online study supplements from the three largest publishers—West Academic, Wolters Kluwer, and Carolina Academic Press (through Lexis). These subscriptions include popular titles that the Law Library did not acquire previously, such as Gilberts and Emmanuel outlines. D’Angelo infrequently purchases study supplements in print.

State Law

State Judicial Materials

D’Angelo relies on full text and authentic images of state cases on Lexis, Westlaw, and the Caselaw Access Project. Other than West’s Illinois Decisions, the Law Library no longer receives any official state law reports or West regional reporters. (Illinois no longer publishes official law reports.) Historical volumes of regional reporters, and volumes of official law reports published before 1900, are kept in storage.

The Law Library subscribes to Trellis for state court filings, briefs and other case documents. D’Angelo relies on the LLMC Digital’s digitization projects for the briefs of some state courts including Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania.

State Statutes

D’Angelo maintains print subscriptions to both the West and LexisNexis annotated Illinois Compiled Statutes. For other states, the Law Library relies on Lexis and Westlaw for access to annotated state statutes and historical versions of statutes back to 1993. D’Angelo keeps annotated state code volumes published before 1993 in storage. For session laws, D’Angelo relies on Hein Online, LLMC Digital and state legislative information websites for access. The Laws of Illinois are no longer published in print.

Administrative Law


Secondary Sources

D’Angelo collects state practitioner treatises only for Illinois. The Law Library has a print copy of the encyclopedia Illinois Jurisprudence and relies on Lexis and Westlaw for current updates. The Law Library purchases all books from the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) in print and subscribes to IICLE Online. For practice books and encyclopedias of other states, and formbooks for all states, the Law Library relies on Lexis and Westlaw. D’Angelo acquires historical and scholarly treatises about state law for all states.
Jury Instructions

The Law Library acquires jury instructions for Illinois only and relies on Lexis and Westlaw for this content for other states.

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL)

D’Angelo’s collection development mission for foreign, comparative, and international law (FCIL) is to acquire, build upon, and provide access to FCIL-related resources that meet the needs of the Law School and University communities. D’Angelo also builds collections reflecting the unique, historical, and current doctrinal strengths of the Law School faculty. To do so, it collects international law materials for broad and varied research, comparative law for basic research and instruction, and foreign law at varying levels depending on the country and subject area.

The Law Library collects FCIL materials in multiple formats – electronic and print as appropriate and as needed by researchers, with a preference for print for primary materials, hybrid publications, and works in critical areas of research interest. D’Angelo subscribes to or purchases FCIL-related e-book packages such as Beck/Nomos, Bloomsbury/Hart, Cambridge Core, Elgaronline, Oxford University Press Scholarship Online, and SpringerLink.

The Law Library relies on area studies and international collections at other campus libraries for some FCIL materials. D’Angelo is strong in West European law and looks to the collections at the Joseph Regenstein Library for African, Asian, East European, Middle Eastern materials to support patron needs. The Law Library maintains a core collection on international relations but also relies on the stronger collections at the Regenstein Library for that and other interdisciplinary areas such as legal history, medieval canon law, and human rights. D’Angelo users also have access to the University of Chicago Library’s campus-wide databases with FCIL content such as Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO).

D’Angelo utilizes national and international resource sharing options to enhance its own collection practices for FCIL material. For example, libraries in the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians’ Cooperative Group (NEFLLCG) have pledged to focus on collecting legal materials for jurisdictions that are not as widely held by U.S. libraries.

The Law Library collects translations of publications by the University of Chicago Law School faculty.

International Law

D’Angelo’s international law collection supports Law School and University research, advocacy, education, and curricular programs, including the Chicago Journal of International Law (CJIL) and other UChicago Law journals, current and historical faculty scholarship, teaching, and institutional strengths. The Law Library collects works on international law generally and on all specialized topics, especially international arbitration, international economic law, international human rights, international criminal law (especially Nuremberg and other war crimes courts and tribunals), international legal history, and international relations theory. The Law Library also collects
international legal materials in support of the University’s centers, such as the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights.

**Secondary Sources**

The Law Library collects secondary sources on international law comprehensively in all formats, with print preferred for permanent access to major, classic, often-cited works and e-format preferred for remote access and discovery. D’Angelo subscribes to the major international law databases for coverage of certain content including *HeinOnline, Kluwer Arbitration, the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law*, and the *Oxford Reports on International Law*, and collects international law journals, treatises, encyclopedias, handbooks, and other international legal reference works, and casebooks.

D’Angelo collects or provides access to indexed, referenced FCIL journals and serial publications to facilitate and support Law School research. The Law Library subscribes to the *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*.

**Primary Sources**

The Law Library collects primary sources of international law in print and electronic format. D’Angelo owns or has access to major treaty collections and sources of customary international law. The Law Library subscribes to decisions from international courts and tribunals, investment claims, and international arbitral awards. It acquires the essential resource *International Law Reports* (ILR) in print. Writings of jurists are primary sources of international law. D’Angelo collects the works of major international law scholars comprehensively.

In terms of international documents and publications, the Law Library collects law-related documents of inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) such as the United Nations, the European Union, the Council of Europe, World Intellectual Property Organization, and the World Trade Organization via standing orders or as a depository. D’Angelo collects decisions of the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and other international and regional tribunals. D’Angelo also acquires documents of non-governmental (NGOs) such as Human Rights Watch. D’Angelo primarily relies on online access to international documents, but selectively prints and adds some publications to guarantee future access and discovery, including government documents such as the U.S. *Country Reports on Human Rights, International Religious Freedom*, and *Trafficking in Persons*.

**Comparative Law**

The University of Chicago Law School has an institutional focus and history of scholarship on comparative law as reflected by articles published in the *Chicago Journal of International Law*, and the work of the Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab, the Center for Law and Finance, and the Global Human Rights Clinic. Therefore, D’Angelo acquires works on comparative legal history generally and European legal history and medieval canon law specifically. It also looks for unique, rare titles on comparative law topics. The Law Library adds comparative law works in print for permanent research access and in electronic format for remote access and discovery.
D’Angelo acquires introductory works (encyclopedias, manuals, handbooks, dictionaries) and essay collections on comparative law as well as works in specialized topics such as Law and Economics, Law and Society, Law and Religion, Contracts, Antitrust and Competition Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Criminal Procedure. When possible, the Law Library enhances discoverability and facilitates research, teaching, and practice by providing online access to comparative law works.

**Foreign Law – Civil Law (and Other Legal Systems)**

Because of the focus on comparative law at the Law School, D’Angelo has historically strong research collections of the law of Western European jurisdictions, especially Germany, in all languages and at national/federal and sub-national levels. It also has older materials for most other regions of the world. The Law Library maintains a core collection of Israeli law and has a small collection of Japanese law. D’Angelo also has materials on East European constitutional law, developed when the Center for the Study of Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe was at the Law School. And it also has a small collection of rare Portuguese and Brazilian legal documents.

**Secondary Sources**

The Law Library collects secondary source materials in English for basic research in most jurisdictions focusing on the national/federal level. For jurisdictions such as Germany and China, D’Angelo collects for patron research needs. It acquires materials in English on the law of Germany, France, the Netherlands, and China, and other jurisdictions for which there is comparative law research interest. D’Angelo selects books on the legal systems of non-U.S. jurisdictions, mixed and religious legal systems (including Jewish law), introductions to law, legal research guides, and topics of current research interest such as constitutional law or human rights. D’Angelo maintains core foreign legal periodicals, focusing on those required to be cited by The Bluebook, indexed by the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, or for which permanent access or ownership to digital equivalent is unavailable. The Law Library collects major law treatises, Kommentaren, and Festschriften, and works on legal history for Germany and other German-speaking jurisdictions.

To support research on legal history, D’Angelo acquires materials on medieval canon law and legal history generally, mainly in Italian, Spanish, and English. It collects unique, rare materials on foreign law topics of historical and current institutional interest.

D’Angelo proactively collects the works of the University of Chicago Law School faculty and alumni on foreign law topics or in a foreign language or English translation.

**Primary Sources**

In terms of primary law, D’Angelo maintains core print titles, including case reports, and also relies on subscription databases such as vLex/Justis, free government law portals, the Legal Information Institute/Free Law Movement websites, and other libraries. More authenticated online law collections exist because of the efforts of organizations such as the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and the Free Law Movement (FLM). However, permanent e-access is not guaranteed. D’Angelo decides on a case-by-case basis when to acquire and maintain print subscriptions or rely on electronic access. Generally, for foreign primary law, the Law Library identifies reliable, authoritative official electronic versions when it does not acquire the print.
The Law Library does not collect print official gazettes or statutory compilations of laws except for current titles with no reliable electronic access. D’Angelo generally does not collect print codes, but adds English translations of the major sources, especially civil codes. It does not collect constitutions in the vernacular. It relies on World Constitutions Illustrated, Constitute, and Oxford Constitutions of the World for English translations. The Law Library collects separately-published English translations of constitutions if available. It retains an historical print copy of Constitutions of the Countries of the World.

D’Angelo collects English translations of constitutions, codes, legislation, and caselaw of foreign jurisdictions. The Law Library acquires collections of Decisiones, Consilia, and other decisions relevant to researching Roman law and canon law.

D’Angelo selectively acquires foreign government documents in print and occasionally prints and adds an electronic title to its collection.

Foreign Law – Common Law Countries

Great Britain


Canada

D’Angelo relies on Lexis Advance Quicklaw, vLexJustis, CanLII, and Westlaw Canada for primary law and many journals. The Law Library no longer receives Canadian law reports in print, apart from some Quebec reports. Access to Halsbury’s Laws of Canada is through Lexis Quicklaw. D’Angelo acquires a limited number of national and Quebec treatises. Constitutional law, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the legal status of native persons are areas of emphasis.

Australia and New Zealand

D’Angelo relies on Lexis, Westlaw, and AustLII for most court and tribunal judgments. The Law Library subscribes to the Acts of the Parliament of Australia, which includes some consolidated acts along with session laws. It acquires national-level practice books to cover contracts, civil procedure, company law, criminal law, intellectual property, property law, and tort law. Material on the laws of indigenous peoples, aboriginal land title claims, and judicial biography are areas of emphasis.

South Africa

D’Angelo subscribes to the South African Law Reports and Butterworths Constitutional Law Reports in print and online through vLexJustis and Lexis. It relies on vLexJustis, Lexis, and SafLII for other court and tribunal decisions and state and national statutes. Areas of emphasis include constitutional law, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and customary law.
Other African Countries

The Law Library acquires treatises from common law African countries as available through U.S. distributors, chiefly on civil procedure, criminal law and procedure, human rights, commercial law, land reform, constitutional law, and judicial biography. Case law is not systematically published in many African countries, but D’Angelo has access through vLexJustis, Manupatra, SCC Online, and free Legal Information Institute web sites.

India

D’Angelo relies on the campus libraries’ Southern Asian department for legal materials from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Materials are obtained through the Library of Congress’ South Asia Cooperative Acquisitions Program (SACAP), the successor to the PL480 program. D’Angelo funds law journals received through the program. The Law Library subscribes to the Indian legal databases Manupatra and SCC Online.

Caribbean

D’Angelo receives the West Indian Law Reports in print and has the law reports published by CariLaw through vLexJustis. It also collects some treatises, mostly comparative works.

Other Notable Collections

Reference Collection

D’Angelo’s reference collection generally focuses on standard legal bibliographies, legal research handbooks, directories, dictionaries, and citation manuals. It relies primarily on free and subscription sources for English dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, collective biography, non-legal directories, atlases, and gazeteers. The Law Library further relies on campus-wide digital subscriptions to general and subject-specific reference works. D’Angelo collects encyclopedias in the areas of international and comparative law and law and economics. It no longer purchases the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

Reserve Collection

D’Angelo acquires print copies of all casebooks and other texts assigned as readings in Law School courses and maintains them in its Reserves Collection. When possible, the Law Library obtains digital access to course materials in place of or in addition to the print. The Law Library subscribes to most study aids online, including the Wolters Kluver, West Academic, and Carolina Academic Press titles (through the LexisNexis Digital Library), and acquires very few study aids in print. Major treatises on topics corresponding to Law School courses are also in the Reserve Collection.

Chicago Unbound

Chicago Unbound, https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu, is an institutional repository that contains scholarship, journals, and historical publications of the University of Chicago Law School. Chicago Unbound serves as a digital archive for the student-edited journals, student works, lectures and events, long-standing publications such as the Law School Record and the Announcements, and historical sources and materials. Repository materials on Chicago Unbound are managed and maintained by the D’Angelo Law Library staff.
Non-Law Collections

The Law Library has built substantial collections over the years in law-related subjects, including economics, business, sociology, philosophy, criminology, government, political science, international relations, human rights, and international finance. D’Angelo continues to acquire titles in non-law fields in support of the Law School’s scholarship, courses, and programs, but also relies on the collections in the University of Chicago Library and the databases licensed for campus-wide use.

Empirical Data Sets

D’Angelo relies on the University of Chicago Library’s significant collections and electronic subscriptions for research using data, including resources in business, financial, and company resources such as Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS), Mergent Online, Refinitiv Workspace (formerly Thomson ONE), and social science research tools including the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). The Law Library proactively selects electronic resources that facilitate data research and data-driven scholarship. D’Angelo collaborates with and supports the work of faculty and researchers in the Law School’s Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics in identifying datasets and data research resources. The librarians work to arrange access to text corpora for faculty research, for analysis offline or online using publisher platforms such as the ProQuest TDM Studio.

Special Collections

Rare Books. The strengths of D’Angelo’s rare book collection are the following: Anglo-American law from the 17th to 19th centuries, statutes, law reports, trials, treatises, and lawyer practice books, classics of Roman law and international law, and canon law. Current areas of collecting include historical foundations of modern areas of law, such as bankruptcy, corporate law, monopolies and network industries, intellectual property, constitutional law, and the rule of law. D’Angelo actively acquires consilia and decisiones, judgments of medieval and early modern ecclesiastical courts which also rendered decisions in non-ecclesiastical civil and criminal cases. The Law Library is building a special collection of illustrated books on foreign, comparative, and international law topics.

Archives. The Law School archives are maintained and managed by the University’s Hannah Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center (SCRC). D’Angelo actively acquires current and historical Law School publications and ephemera and works with SCRC archivists to ensure long-term access and discovery.

Trials

D’Angelo collects all published trials for the United States and common law countries. It also acquires rare, older trials very selectively, including trials in Chicago or Illinois or those that bear on modern legal controversies and are not available online. The Law Library generally does not acquire books about infamous crimes unless they include a substantial report of the trial.
Chicago Collection

D’Angelo collects at least one copy of every book written or edited by a University of Chicago Law professor or any publication of the Law School in its Chicago Collection. The Law Library acquires additional copies for the collection as appropriate.

Alumni Collection

D’Angelo collects copies of books by alumni of the University of Chicago Law School in its Alumni Collection.

Recreational Collections

D’Angelo has several book funds designated for recreational use. The Allison Dunham Fund supports current popular fiction and nonfiction books. The Maurice and Muriel Fulton Fund has funded popular magazines and general circulation newspapers and also movies and T.V. series, primarily on DVD.

Wellness Collection

The Law Library has developed a wellness collection of monographs as a resource for the Law School student community.

Acquisition and Retention Practices

The D’Angelo Law Library’s acquisition practices ensure that materials are acquired in an efficient and comprehensive manner. These practices supplement and enhance firm order selection by the law subject specialists.

Approval plans. The Law Library has established several approval plans with parameters for monographic material that it intends to acquire. Approval plan guidelines focus on imprint, subject, depth, date, and other factors relevant to a title’s appropriateness for the D’Angelo collection. D’Angelo currently has plans with GOBI, Harrassowitz, and Casalini, and occasionally with other smaller vendors.

E-book packages. D’Angelo has purchased the entire legal front-list from some publishers, such as Oxford University Press, Springer, Cambridge Brill, and Edward Elgar.

Multi-year subscription plans. D’Angelo has entered into multi-year subscription plans for online and/or print resources to take advantage of attractive pricing. Such agreements are considered only when the Law Library has an ongoing need for the material and identifies adequate funding.

Standing orders. The Law Library establishes standing orders for monographs when it decides to acquire every edition issued by the publisher.

Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). D’Angelo is a FDLP participant and receives a small number of government titles as a selective depository.

Exchanges. D’Angelo has occasionally created exchanges with other law libraries. University of Chicago Law School publications, primarily journals, are sent to the other institution in exchange for its publications.
**Gifts.** D’Angelo accepts gift books from faculty, students, and staff and is especially interested in casebooks, study supplements, academic and scholarly works, and Law School publications. Law librarians review gift items and add them if they are unique, within collection scope, or otherwise appropriate.

**Retention policies.** As a research library, D’Angelo generally retains its collections for both current and historical research. Items acquired for a particular need are kept with a presumption of long-term scholarly value. For canceled titles that require updating, the Law Library may withdraw the material if the content is unlikely to be useful for future research.