Introduction to International and Foreign Legal Research

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April 2009: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University

• “I frankly don’t understand all the *brouhaha* lately from Congress and even from some of my colleagues about referring to foreign law”

• “Why shouldn’t we look to the wisdom of a judge from abroad with at least as much ease as we would read a law review article written by a professor?”
Sotomayor’s Confirmation Statements

• “American law does not permit the use of foreign law or international law to interpret the Constitution.”

• “Foreign law cannot be used as a holding or precedent or to bind or to influence the outcome of a legal conclusion interpreting the Constitution.”

• Now a standard question for nominees
Foreign and Int’l Law in U.S. Courts

• Justice Stephen Breyer has declared that “comparative analysis emphatically is relevant to the task of interpreting constitutions.”

• Stated that United States Courts “face an increasing number of domestic legal questions that directly implicate foreign law.”

• Justice Breyer noted “neither I nor my law clerks can easily find relevant comparative material on our own. The lawyers must do the basic work: finding, analyzing, and referring us to that material.”
Sample U.S. Decisions


• *Atkins v. Virginia*, 492 U.S. 302 (2002). Court invoked a brief filed by the European Union which catalogued the overwhelming repudiation of the practice by the rest of the world.

More Recently: Graham v. Florida

• Justice Kennedy notes that juvenile LWOP has been “rejected the world over….The judgment of the world’s nations that a particular sentencing practice is inconsistent with basic principles of decency, demonstrates that the court’s rationale has respected reasoning to support it.”

• Again some scholars/politicians argue about the “unfortunate reference to foreign authorities to support the Court’s interpretation of the Eighth Amendment.”
Plan for Today’s Session

• Overview of Foreign/Int’l Legal Systems
• Secondary Sources
• Primary Documents and Finding Tools
• Translation Resources
• Commercial Databases
• Current Awareness
• Research Strategies and Examples
Foreign Law

Types of Legal Systems:

• Common Law
• Civil Law
• Combination of both
• Religious Law
• Customary Law

See [http://www.juriglobe.ca/](http://www.juriglobe.ca/)
Other Source to Study Foreign and International Legal Systems

• Germain’s Transnational Law Research
• Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia
• Szladits, A Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law: Books and Articles in English
• Civil Law Tradition: Europe, Latin America & East Asia
• Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems (AALL)
• Accidental Tourist on the New Frontier: An Introductory Guide to Global Legal Research
• Comparative Legal Traditions in a Nutshell
International Legal Systems
Overview

• Public International Law
  – Governs the relationships between
    • National governments;
    • Intergovernmental organizations (IGO)
    • National govts and IGOs
    • Also regulates governments and IGOs across national boundaries
  – Topics: international trade, human rights, IP, international environmental law, and more
International Legal Systems

• Private International Law
  – Governs the choice of which national law to apply when there are conflicts in the domestic law of different countries related to private transactions between private parties.
    • a.k.a. “conflict of laws” in US
  – Topics: conflicts in areas of contracts, marriage and divorce, jurisdiction, recognition of judgments, adoption, abduction.
International Legal Systems

• Comparative Law
  – “The study of the similarities and differences between the law of two or more countries, or between two or more legal systems. Comparative law is not itself a system of law or a body of rules, but rather a method or approach to legal inquiry.” - Bob C. Berring, How to Find the Law (1989)
  • Largely the turf of scholars and academics
  • Presents the same challenges as foreign law
International Legal Systems

• Transnational Law
  – All law which regulates actions or events that transcend national frontiers. Both public and private international law are included, as are other rules which do not wholly fit into such standard categories.
  – Topics: legal relationships between a state and alien individuals or corporations, frequently in commercial, industrial, or investment.
International Legal Systems

- Supranational Law
  - A supranational organization:
    - Has powers that its member states do not have because they surrendered those powers to it
    - May enact rules that preempt the laws and regulations of its member states
    - May grant rights and privileges to the nationals of its member states, which those nationals may directly invoke

- Only one real supranational legal order: the European Union
International Legal Systems

• Soft Law
  – Non-binding documents or instruments (guidelines, declarations, principles) that may have use politically, but are not enforceable.
  – Akin to unenforceable international law, but soft law is not even as aspirational

  – Topics: international economic law, international environmental law, etc.
Research Methods

• How do you begin learning about an area of law that is new to you?
• Start with Secondary Sources
  – Research Guides
  – Reference Works
  – Legal Dictionaries/Citation Guides
  – Foreign Law Portals
  – Subject and Regional Websites
  – Journals and Periodicals
Secondary Sources

Start with a Research Guide!

Research Guides and Bibliographies Online

- LLRX Guides
- GlobaLex: Foreign and Comparative Law Research (NYU Law)
- Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law (ASIL)
- Intute Foreign Law Guides (UK Based)
- Lillian Goldman Law Library: Foreign Law Research Guide (Yale)
International Law Research
Comparative Law Research
Foreign Law Research

- Afghanistan: [Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Legal System and Research]
- Albania: [Researching the Albanian Legal System]
- Algeria: [Algerian Law Guide]
- Argentina: [A Research Guide to the Argentine Legal System]
- Armenia: [A Legal Research Guide to Armenia]
- Austria: [The Austrian Legal System and Laws: a Brief Overview]
- Belarus: [Guide to Legal Research in Belarus]
- Belgium: [Research Guide to Belgian Law]
- Bermuda: [Finding the Law in Bermuda]
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: [A Guide to Legal Research in Bosnia and Herzegovina]
- Botswana: [Botswana’s Legal System and Legal Research]
- Brazil: [Doing Legal Research in Brazil]
- Bulgaria: [The Bulgarian Legal System and Legal Research]
Guide to Legal Research in Nicaragua

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Major Reference Works

• *Reynold’s and Flores Foreign Law Sources* (now online *Foreign Law Guide*)
• Germain’s *Transnational Law Research*
• *Martindale Hubble International Law Digest* (online LexisNexis)
• *Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia*
A French province since the mid-19th century, Algeria was seized from the decaying Ottoman Empire and colonized and developed by the French along with a policy involving forced settlement. The French policy was to sequester and confiscate public lands, in theory held by the Bey of Algiers, but actually used and cultivated by local populations, and to redistribute the property to French citizens. The legal systems remained based on principles of Islamic law of the Malekite school, although now more structured around French-inspired codifications. Total independence was achieved in 1962 after a violent four-year war or revolution against the French. During the 25-year period following independence, a series of military juntas ruled and developed a legal system designed to further the principles of democratic socialism while emphasizing the secondary role to be played by Islam in such an order.

A new, democratic constitution was approved 28 February 1989 (the third since independence, not counting National Charters), which restored multiparty democracy and mandated the restructuring of the economy along more liberal and less doctrinaire lines. Following this, the general operations of government and the organization and functions of the state were reformed by a sequence of executive decrees, 31 May 1989 to 30 August 1989. In February of 1991, after Islamic fundamentalists with the announced intention of restoring Islamic law achieved pluralities in general elections, democratic government was suspended. The 1989 constitution was succeeded by the 1996 constitution (also adopted by referendum). This represents the fourth constitution since independence.

The administration of justice and the judicial structure follows the French model. The basic court system is secular; there are 17 courts of first instance and above that Courts of Appeal in the major cities of Algiers, Oran and Constantine. The Council of State, when joined with the High Court of Appeal, functions as the Supreme Court. There are justices of the peace at the primary level. Part of their jurisdiction is exclusive and part may be appealed to the courts of first instance. There is a separate range of commercial courts.

By Loi 5 of 16 January 1991, French ceased to be an official lan-
MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Titles of materials containing translations, digests or outlines of legislation are given in abbreviated format. More complete information on those titles followed by an asterisk will be found at the end of this section on Algeria. Materials whose titles are followed by the symbol "■" are described with full bibliographic information in the "List of Materials Indexed" commencing after the Materials Indexed tab.

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2. Code of Civil Procedure

3. Commercial Code

4. Criminal Code
CIVIL PROCEDURE
Code of Civil Procedure.
See also ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
EVIDENCE

CIVIL RIGHTS
See CONSTITUTION AND POLITICAL LEGISLATION

COMMERCIAL
Commercial Code.
In general, commercial legislation of interest to foreign persons contained in a range of laws and decrees of 1988/90.
See also INVESTMENTS, FOREIGN

COMMERCIAL AGENTS
See BRANCHES AND SUBSIDIARIES

COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS)
See also INFORMATION AND DATA PROTECTION
SUBJECT HEADINGS

MAJOR CODIFICATIONS
1. Civil Code
2. Code of Civil Procedure
3. Commercial Code
4. Criminal Code
5. Code of Criminal Procedure

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

COMPILATIONS OR OFFICIAL CODIFICATIONS

SESSION LAWS

COURT REPORTS

SUBJECT ARRANGEMENT

ABORTION AND FAMILY PLANNING

ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING
Belize

Introduction

Belize, an independent nation within the British Commonwealth, has been known as British Honduras for most of its existence. It has been self-governing since 1964 and took the name Belize in 1973; however, final independence was delayed by the need for settlement of a centuries’ old territorial dispute with Guatemala. Independence was granted without any settlement, the territorial integrity of the new nation being guaranteed by the United Kingdom.

That part of Belize situated on the Bay of Honduras was discovered by Columbus in 1502, but the Spanish explorers made only the slightest efforts at colonization and the first actual settlement was established by the British in 1638. Constant disputes with the neighboring Spanish colonies meant insecure British control of the area. The troublesome nature of the territory and its lack of obvious economic or strategic benefit ensured a degree of disinterest on the part of British colonial administration and an equal degree of independent self-government by the British buccaneers and settlers almost into the 19th century. In 1786, the colonial administration in London appointed the first of a series of “Superintendents” to direct government in the region, still little more than an extended settlement. In 1862 the Colony of British Honduras was established as a dependency of the colony of Jamaica. It became an independent colony in 1884, and since then remained separate from the other English colonies in the New World, never becoming an administrative unit of some larger island or group of islands in the Caribbean. The British did establish the traditional mixed form of government, calling for an elected local legislature to coexist and share power with an executive and judicial apparatus appointed from England. This situation was replaced at the end of the century by crown colony status, which continued until 1935 when limited self-government was restored.

While Belize is geographically part of the Central American land mass, British colonization and ethnic patterns of 19th century settlement determined that Belize would, in effect, always be within the British sphere of influence and a member and trading partner of the Anglophone Caribbean community. Belize’s isolation from the other Central American republics has been exacerbated by its long-running (and very...
ADMARALTY
See MARITIME LAW

ADOPTION
Families and children act 17 of 1998, sections 133–147. This is a major act, reforming and consolidating all the legislation covering guardianship, care, protection, maintenance and adoption of children, including their rights, status and legal capacity. Abrogates and replaces a number of separate chapters and laws, including the Status of children act and the Adoption of children act.

AGENTS AND AGENCY
See BRANCHES AND SUBSIDIARIES

AIDS
See HIV/AIDS

AIR AND SPACE LAW
The U.K. has declared application of the following to Belize: Warsaw convention, effective 4 Jul 1936, along with the Hague protocol, effective 15 Aug 1985 and the Guadalajara convention, effective 15 Mar 1967.

ALIENS
See CITIZENSHIP AND NATIONALITY
MARTINDALE-HUBBELL®
INTERNATIONAL LAW DIGEST

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FOOD AND DRUGS:

Foodstuffs safety is governed by multitude of legislative provisions emanating from both national and European Union authorities. Market police, special division of National Police, is in charge of control (including veterinary control) of production, distribution and importation of alimentary products. Failure to comply with foodstuffs safety regulation may result in fines or revocation of licenses.

Pharmaceutical products sold in Greece must have stable composition. Generic names of active substances contained in product must appear on label, beside or under commercial name of product.

As for alimentary complements, their composition and production company must be mentioned on package.

Products approved by National Drugs Association (EOEF) obtain licenses valid from the day of registration and are renewable upon request of beneficiary six months before expiration of validity of license.

MEDICAL PROFESSION:

Medical profession is subject to regulations of relevant professional associations. Doctors and other professionals of medical sector who have obtained their qualification in a Member State of EU may freely establish practice in Greece pursuant to presidential decree 8496 which implemented EU directives 75/362, 75/363, 81/1057 and 82/76.

SMOKING REGULATION:

Smoking is forbidden in public buildings, however this prohibition is not strictly applied to advertising tobacco products, although allowed in press and special road signs, prohibited on TV and radio. Where allowed, advertisement must contain information on harmfulness of smoking. (Ministerial Decision 2160/90 as modified and in force) Tobacco products may also be promoted through special campaigns and sponsorships, including distribution of free cigarettes for promotional reasons.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

COPYRIGHT:

Authors, composers, painters, designers, sculptors, turners and engravers have the exclusive right to publishing and reproducing their works during their lifetime and of one generation after their death. This protection extends for the life of the author and 70 years after their death.

Works which are original in writing and artistic works produced in this country and may be extended to similar works produced abroad under a special decree in the interest of reciprocity. Such protection has been extended to works in writing and works produced in the United States by a decree which came into force on Mar. 1960.

Trademarks are governed by Law 2239 of 16 Sept. 1994.

Acquisition of right on trademark presupposes application to administrative committee of trademarks, accompanied by ten impressions of trademark (ten coloured impressions, if trademark is coloured), treasury voucher for government fees, notarial power of attorney and appointment of attorney in fact. Application must also determine categories of products (from total of 34) or of services (from total of eight), by which trademark is categorized.

Right on trademark is acquired from the moment that decision of administrative committee of trademarks which accepts it is registered to special registrar, provided that trademark in question possesses distinctive character and does not constitute counterfeit or imitation of any registered and not deleted trademark, which is used for same or similar product.

Beneficiary is entitled to use exclusively trademark in order to distinguish his products or services, and to exclude third parties from its use. Protection of trademark lasts for period of ten years and can be renewed indefinitely by filing, during last year of protection, petition for renewal and upon payment of government fees.

Unlawful use of trademark is punished by at least three months of imprisonment and/or fine.

Courts may grant injunction measures prohibiting unlawful use of trademark.

Right on trademark is transferable by succession, by contract or in case of forced execution, even without transfer of business itself. Beneficiary can also give to third party his written consent, so that another trademark which is identical or similar to preregistered trademark can be registered. Use of trademark can be assigned to third party by written agreement which is registered to special registrar after decision of administrative committee, unless that creates confusion or is opposed to morality and public order.

Right on trademark expires if beneficiary resigns from it or after deletion which is decided by administrative authority in case (inter alios) that beneficiary fails to market products or services within five years from its registration, or has ceased for five years to do so, or if beneficiary’s business has ceased to operate for five years.

Right expires automatically if it is not renewed within prescribed time.

Beneficiary of right on trademark can be also cooperative or professional association (collective trademark). This trademark is used by members of association, but its protection can be invoked only by association or cooperative.

Foreign Trademarks.—For registration of a foreign trademark in addition to requirements prescribed for registration of a local one, it is necessary to produce a proper power of attorney and a certificate showing that the foreign trademark has been duly registered in the country of origin, accompanied by a Greek translation. Such certificate is not required if country of origin relieves applicants for registration of a Greek trademark from such certificate. A foreign trademark duly registered in Greece becomes independent from the trademark of the country of origin.

Change of seat or address must be duly registered.

See note at head of Digest as to 2002 legislation covered.

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Germain’s Transnational Law Research

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INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

See also UNITED NATIONS, and Ch. III.

§1.01 Background

The International Court of Justice (I.C.J.), located at The Hague, The Netherlands, is the main judicial organ of the United Nations. It decides disputes between nations which have agreed to accept its jurisdiction, and gives advisory opinions.¹ The I.C.J web site provides useful information on the Court, the history, composition, and jurisdiction of the Court, as well as biographies.

§2.01 Current Issues

The Court has recently strengthened its stature as the place to settle interstate disputes. The current President of the Court is Gilbert Guillaume (France) and the Vice-President is Shi Jiuyong (China). The current President of the Court is Shi Jiuyong (China) and the Vice-President is Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar). Mr.Philippe Couvreur (Belgium) is the Registrar. The fifteen judges are elected to nine-year terms and may be re-elected. The Court itself issues press releases intended to keep the general public abreast of current developments. These are now available on the ICJ's web site (see §9.01).

§3.01 Where to Start

The ICJ web site and Cornell mirror ICJ web site are a great place to start (see §9.01).

Amr, Mohamed Sameh M. The Role of the International Court of Justice as the Principal Judicial Organ of the United Nations. The Hague; New
§1.01 Introductory Surveys and Practitioners' Guides

For multicountry introductory surveys including Italy, see Ch. III, §3.03. In the same chapter, §3.04.1 on introductory works in foreign, comparative, and international law and §3.05.1, casebooks on comparative law, will also be useful. For business information, including marketing reports, economic trends, information on foreign corporations and foreign chambers of commerce, see Ch. III, §3.10. For general political, social, and economic information, see Ch. III, §3.11, which also includes directory information, such as foreign embassies and consulates in the U.S. For statistical information, see Ch. III, §3.12. For general information on the economic climate and investments, LEXIS/NEXIS is very useful, particularly the EUROPE library which contains newswire services, major newspapers and magazines, and business publications such as Investing, Licensing and Trading Conditions Abroad (EUROPE;EIUILT). The country reports include Italy (REPORT;ITALY). WESTLAW also has several useful business databases. For general information on the economic climate and investments see LEXIS/NEXIS, WESTLAW, and Internet sources in §7.01 of this chapter.


Useful introduction. Discusses sources of law and the basic elements of the principal branches of law including conflict of laws and foreign affairs law.

Provides a good introduction to the law of Italy, and deals with all procedural aspects.


§2.01 English Language Translations and Digests of Primary Sources

For multicountry English language translations and digests of foreign laws, including Italy, see Ch. IV, under your subject of interest (e.g., INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY). For information on translations in general, see Ch. III, § 3.01.


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Republica Argentina (Argentine Republic)

I. COUNTRY PROFILE (Civil Law)

Argentina is a federal, democratic republic comprised of twenty-three provinces. It is a civil law system primarily influenced by Italy, Spain, France, and Germany. The official language is Spanish.

The Constitution, adopted in 1853 and most recently amended in 1994, provides for a tripartite government with executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The provinces and the City of Buenos Aires enjoy autonomy and choose their own authorities. Each province and the City of Buenos Aires enact their own constitutions; each provincial constitution provides for municipal autonomy and the scope of its own institutional, political, administrative, economic and financial powers.

The President is the head of state and exercises the executive power. The Constitution requires that the President be elected directly by the people every four years and not serve more than two consecutive terms. Except for the Supreme Court Justices, the President has to select each federal judge from a list of three candidates that is prepared by the Judiciary Council (Consejo de la Magistratura). The President appoints the Supreme Court Justices and the other federal court judges with the consent of the Senate.

The legislative power is vested in the Congress (Honorable Congreso de la Nación), which is comprised of the Senate (Cámara de Senadores) and the Chamber of Deputies (Cámara de Diputados). By direct vote, the people of the provinces and those of the City of Buenos Aires elect representatives to the Chamber of Deputies. Deputies are elected for four years and may be reelected. The Senate consists of three senators from each province, and three from the City of
Courts of Ordinary Jurisdiction for the District of Buenos Aires (and their abbreviations) include:

- Court of Appeals for Civil Matters: Cámaras Nacional de Apelaciones en lo Civil (CNCiv.)
- Court of Appeals for Commercial Matters: Cámaras Nacional de Apelaciones en lo Comercial (CNCom.)
- Court of Appeals for Civil and Commercial Matters: Cámaras Nacional de Apelaciones Especial Civil y Comercial (CNEspecial Civ. y Com.)
- Court of Appeals for criminal-economic matters: Cámaras Nacional de Apelaciones en lo Penal Económico (CNPenal Económico)
- Court of Appeals for Labor Matters: Cámaras Nacional de Apelaciones del Trabajo (CNTrab.)
- Lower Courts of Ordinary Jurisdiction: Juzgado Nacional de Primera Instancia (1a Inst.)

Provincial Courts (and their abbreviations) include:

- Corte de Justicia (CJ)
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- State Court of Appeals for Civil and Commercial Matters: Cámaras de Apelaciones en lo Civil y Comercial (CApel.CC)
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Equal in rights and obligations towards the common good - Poland,
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- The ODIHR is pleased to announce the launch of its newly remodelled and improved legal database, legislationline.org. The database now contains an entire section devoted to lawmakers issues. This section, which is still under construction, aims at providing quick comparative information on issues relating to the legislative systems of OSCE participating States.

- On 5 November, a day before the opening of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Democratic Law-making in Vienna, the ODIHR Legislative Support Unit is holding an Experts' Meeting on "Better Legislation in the OSCE region: Improving Lawmaking Processes, Instruments and Techniques". This meeting aims at consolidating the ODIHR methodology for responding to requests for assistance by OSCE participating States in improving the efficiency and transparency of their legislative systems.

- OSCE meeting to discuss ways to ensure democratic lawmaking. The process of lawmaking is the focus of an OSCE meeting that starts on Thursday in Vienna. Democratic lawmaking is not just about ensuring that laws are enacted by democratically elected representatives. It is also about ensuring that the public in general is given reasonable opportunities to contribute. The process whereby laws are
Terrorism

Refine your query by picking one of the following subtopics

• State of emergency

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• United Nations
• Council of Europe
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• Others

Search EU/EC legal and other documents

Search by Country: Terrorism

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PENAL CODE
(excerpts)
Full-text version of the Code

TITLE II - OF TERRORISM

CHAPTER I - OF ACTS OF TERRORISM

Article 421-1

The following offences constitute acts of terrorism where they are committed intentionally in connection with an individual or collective undertaking the purpose of which is seriously to disturb the public order through intimidation or terror:

1° wilful attacks on life, wilful attacks on the physical integrity of persons, abduction and unlawful detention and also as the hijacking of planes, vessels or any other means of transport, defined by Book II of the present Code;

2° theft, extortion, destruction, defacement and damage, and also computer offences, as defined under Book III of the present Code;

3° offences committed by combat organisations and disbanded movements as defined under articles 431-13 to 431-17, and the offences set out under articles 434-6, 441-2 to 441-5;

4° the production or keeping of machines, dangerous or explosive devices, set out under article 3 of the Act of 19th June 1871 which repealed the Decree of 4th September 1870 on the production of military grade weapons;
Nearly 150 countries have agreed to apply the same legal definition of a “refugee” to decide who is entitled to their protection. This site is designed to assist judges, advocates, and policymakers around the world to access leading court decisions that interpret the refugee definition set by the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol.

Our Current Collection

Our core collection contains cases from the highest national courts of Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. These cases have been selected and summarized by the Director of the Refugee Caselaw Site, Professor James Hathaway of the University of Michigan Law School, and by Professor Walter Kalin of the Institute of Public Law of the Faculty of Law, University of Bern.

Since 2004, the collection has been incrementally expanded to include decisions from other asylum countries, as well as the most important decisions of lower courts and tribunals in the core collection states. These cases are selected and indexed by teams of leading experts and members of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges from around the world.

Cases are included in this database only because of their topical relevance.
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- Both the Core Collection and the National Sites
- Only the Core Collection indexed by Professors Hathaway & Kalin
- Only the National Sites indexed by National Coordinators

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All Courts

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- Hearing refugee claims
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- Homosexuality
- Housing, right to, risk of denial of
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- Human rights violations
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1. Mwangi v Attorney General

Date Decided: December 16, 2005  
Jurisdiction: United States  
Country of Origin: Kenya  
Hathaway Number(s): 4.5  
Site Name: CORE COLLECTION

Description: Women’s rights activist was assaulted by members of the Mungiki sect, a group opposed to westernization and women’s equality, but found that Kenya was taking “real steps to curb the actions” of the Mungiki.

View Case File  Save to the Briefcase

2. Zazai v Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

Date Decided: September 20, 2005  
Jurisdiction: Canada  
Country of Origin: Afghanistan

View Case File  Save to the Briefcase
Welcome to i.lex: The Legal Research System for International Law in U.S. Courts.
This online database of select U.S. court cases and related materials is designed to serve as a practical resource for members of the judiciary and other legal professionals to identify and understand how international law is interpreted and applied by U.S. courts at both the federal and state level.

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- The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction
- Protocol to Amend the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction (Brussels Convention)
UN Based Research

• UN Research can be difficult (UN publication symbols, overwhelming information, poor search interface, etc.)

• **Universal Periodic Review Working Group**

• GA resolution 60/251 in 2006 - forms Human Rights Council and mandated UPR of each state's fulfillment of its human rights obligations and commitments.

• The Working Group holds three sessions per year - At each session, 16 countries are reviewed

• Classic example of UN research
Universal Periodic Review Research

• Working documents are issued under the series symbol:
  A/HRC/WG.6/[session]/[country abbreviation]/-

• **Hard**: Searching symbols in the [ODS](https://www.ohchr.org/hrpd/odse/)

• **Easy**: The OHCHR has developed a special [database](https://www.ohchr.org/hrpd/odse/) for the documentation related to the universal periodic review.

• The Working Group issues a report for each country which summarizes the meetings held and includes conclusions or recommendations.
UPR Research

- **South Africa example**
- One note: Use the official symbol to find UPR *drafts* in the ODS
- Ex. **A/HRC/WG.6/2/L.14**

- The Working Group has not issued a sessional report that covers all the activities of the Working Group during the course of one session (yet?)
Research Methods
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• Law Review Articles
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  Lexis (INTLR, full text, < 20 years)
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  Legal Trac (International Law and Comparative Law, full text, < 20 years)
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Journals and Law Reviews

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  Westlaw: Legal Resource Index (LRI)
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SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v. GAMMON-LAYTON

Pakistan, High Court of West Pakistan. 2 November 1970

(Dorab Patel and Muhammad Haleem JJ.)

SUMMARY: The facts:—The respondent, Messrs Gammon-Layton, acting under a written contract with the United States of America, had constructed a building for the United States Embassy. Following disputes over the contract, the respondent invoked the arbitration clause and secured an arbitration award in its favour, which it then sought to have made a rule of court. The U.S.A. claimed sovereign immunity. This claim was rejected and the U.S.A. appealed, contending that it was entitled to immunity either by virtue of the Pakistan Civil Procedure Code, Section 86 which provided that actions against the ruler or ambassador of a foreign State might be instituted only with the consent of the Government of Pakistan, or under general international law.

Held:—The appeal was dismissed.

(1) The Civil Procedure Code, Section 86, applied only to actions against the ruler of a foreign State, not to actions against the State itself.

(2) Section 86 did not apply to arbitration proceedings, which were distinct from proceedings in the courts.

(3) International law as interpreted by the courts of Pakistan did not confer
State Compliance with the Recommendations of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, 1993–2004

Frans Viljoen and Lirette Louw

As part of its protective mandate, the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights decides individual complaints alleging violations of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights by state parties. This article charts compliance with the Commission’s recommendations concerning violations under the individual complaints procedure, highlighting the limited direct effect of the Charter and identifying the main factors that have affected state compliance. The future role of the Commission and the African Union in improving compliance is also considered.

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[November 5, 2003]
+Cite as 43 ILM 774 (2004)+

Order of the Second Senate of 5 November 2003
- 2 BvR 1506/03 -

in the proceedings on the constitutional complaint of Mr. Al-M., a Yemeni citizen,
... and his motion for a temporary injunction

RULING:

The constitutional complaint is rejected as unfounded.

This disposes of the motion for a temporary injunction.

GROUNDs:

A.

By way of his constitutional complaint, the complainant challenges orders of the Frankfurt am Main Higher Regional Court (Oberlandesgericht) that declared the complainant's extradition to the United States of America for criminal prosecution admissible and rejected the remonstrances that the complainant made against the orders as unfounded.

I.
WorldLII

- 892 databases from 123 countries and territories via the Free Access to Law Movement
  - Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII); British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII); Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII); Hong Kong Legal Information Institute (HKLII); and more
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BE CAUTIOUS WITH TRANSLATIONS

- Translations may not be authoritative.
- Translation may not be up-to-date.
- *Traduire c’est trahir* - “To Translate is to Betray.”
- Beware using online translations sources such as BabelFish and freetranslation.com
The existence or the concluding of a contract for services or of service by the author of a work of the spirit does not carry any exemption from the pleasure of the right recognized by the subparagraph 1st.

Here is the official translation from the Legifrance Web site:

The existence or conclusion of a contract for hire or of service by the author of a work of the mind shall in no way derogate from the enjoyment of the right afforded by the first paragraph above.
“Official” Translation of Foreign Laws

• Constitutions of Countries of the World (Oceana) http://www.oceanalaw.com/

• Oxford Reports on International Law (ORIL) http://www.oxfordlawreports.com/

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    - The Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, 1993 (as Amended to 2003)
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15. Lithuania
    - The Law on the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania, 1997 (as Amended to 2003)
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    - Date: 08/07/2008
(1) Nothing in this article shall affect the operation of any law made before the commencement of the Proclamations (Emergency) Order, 1977 (Proclamations Order No. 1 of 1977), in so far as it relates to the acquisition, nationalisation or acquisition of any property without compensation.][21]

43. Protection of home and correspondence

Every citizen shall have the right, subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed by law in the interests of the security of the State, public order, public morality or public health—

1. to be secured in his home against entry, search and seizure; and

2. to the privacy of his correspondence and other means of communication.

[44. Enforcement of fundamental rights][22]

(1) The right to move the [High Court Division][23] in accordance with [Clause (i)][24] of Article 102 for the enforcement of the rights conferred by this Part of [sic] guaranteed.
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Time to Shut Down the Cambodia Special Tribunal?
by Peggy McGuinness

I have not been following the work of the Cambodia special chambers, which is probably why I found these views by James Bair (blogger, loyal OJ reader and soon-to-be JD from Northeastern Law School) all the more informative and interesting. Bair is a former legal intern at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and has followed the tribunal’s work closely since its inception. He writes, “In light of the continuing allegations of corruption, and after the ECCC has continuously failed to provide the fundamentals of a fair trial at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, I am reluctantly calling for the Court to be closed.” Bair raises important questions and critiques of the hybrid model of international criminal justice. Here’s an excerpt from his blog post, which can be found in full here:
Resolutions, Declarations, and Other Documents

- US-Russia Statement on Nuclear Arms (April 1, 2009)
- International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea Amends Articles 113 and 114 of the Rules of the Tribunal (March 17, 2009)

Judicial and Similar Proceedings

- King v. Cessna Aircraft (11th Cir. March 27, 2009)
- Commission v. Greece (E.C.J. March 26, 2009)
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• 2ndary source useful at the beginning of the research process

• Depends on the background of the individual researcher and skill level in using the resources

• Consult variety of resources for comprehensive research

• Become familiar with particular resources

• Consult both print and electronic for a comprehensive research product

• Use the TOC, Index, or subject headings - a researcher can tell whether a source will be useful or not within 5 minutes.
Research Example

- International Perspectives on Abortion
- Comparison of:
  - English Abortion Statute passed in late 1960’s
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Competent adults can only be treated with their consent, which is valid provided that they have been informed in broad terms of nature of procedure which is intended. (Chatterton v. Gerson [1981] 1 All ER 643). Competence is tested in relation to patient's ability to understand information relevant to decision, to retain that information, to use or weigh that information as part of process on making decision, and to communicate his decision (Mental Capacity Act [MCA] 2005, §3[1]). Competent patients are free to decline treatment for reasons which are...
certain death but normal life for stronger twin, who would otherwise have suffered heart failure within a couple of months due to double strain of pumping blood through her own and her twin's body. (Re A [2000] 4 All ER 961).

Abortion. - Abortions can be provided under Abortion Act 1967, which allows for abortions to be performed during first 24 weeks of pregnancy on social grounds and - without time limit - in order to prevent grave permanent injury to physical or mental health or loss of life of pregnant woman, and on grounds of fetal abnormality. Procedurally, in any but emergency situation abortion has to be performed by registered medical practitioner after two such practitioners have, in good faith, formed opinion that one or more of grounds for lawful abortion are present. Conscientious objection to participation in such treatment is possible.

Abortion Act 1967 applies only in England and Wales, and in Scotland. In Northern Ireland, abortions can only be performed to save life or avert grave physical or mental injury to pregnant woman. (R v. Bourne [1938] 3 All ER 615).

Mental Illness. - Compulsory treatment for mental illness is governed by Mental Health Act 1983. Persons suffering from mental illness can also seek treatment voluntarily. Mentally ill patients in many cases retain their capacity to consent to treatment, especially if treatment in question relates to their physical condition rather than their mental health.


NOTE: Note: This revision incorporates legislation through August 31, 2005.
Google Legal Scholar

“abortion act” England

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Other Fee Sources

• Now, use the UK Statutes Online to search for the official language of the 1967 Act.

• The UK Statute Law Database (SLD) is the official revised edition of the primary legislation of the United Kingdom made available online for free.

Part II: Translated German Decision, 1970’s

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• But also a health issue – PubMed?
• Major case cited to in comparison with Roe v. Wade – better chance of translation
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1. 35 American Journal of Comparative Law (1987)
2. 43 American Journal of Comparative Law (1995)
6. 11 Brooklyn Journal of International Law (1985)
1. Mark Tushnet, a former coordinator and still a frequent speaker for the Critical Legal Studies movement, has called the right to reproductive choice “a leftist sort of right which, it is said, leftists must recognize as not relative lest they lose their political credentials.” Tushnet, “An Essay on Rights,” 62 Tex. L. Rev. 1363, 1365 (1984). Note, however, that Tushnet goes on to argue such a right would no longer make sense even to leftists in a society slightly different from our own. See also infra n. 21.

2. Quintano Ripollés, in his historical analysis of abortion legislation, is puzzled by the fact that at the political level European socialists have long tended to favor more elective abortion, despite the “individualism” he sees represented by such a position. He theorizes that past explicit use of anti-abortion laws to increase the armies and labor forces of capitalist nations may have caused socialists to oppose such laws. I would add that Left commitments to sexual equality could also point in this direction. But neither demographic decline nor women’s equality seems necessarily to further the development of socialism. 1 Tratado de Derecho Penal, Parte Especial, 504-05 (1962).


WEST GERMAN ABORTION DECISION:
A CONTRAST TO ROE v. WADE†

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AND JOHN D. GORBY**

Guiding Principles
applicable to the judgment of the First Senate of the 25th of February, 1975:

— 1 F.C.C. 1/74 —
— 1 F.C.C. 2/74 —
— 1 F.C.C. 3/74 —
— 1 F.C.C. 4/74 —
— 1 F.C.C. 5/74 —
— 1 F.C.C. 6/74 —A

1. The life which is developing itself in the womb of the mother is an independent legal value which enjoys the protection of the constitution (Article 2, Paragraph 2, Sentence 1; Article 1, Paragraph 1 of the Basic Law).

The State's duty to protect forbids not only direct state attacks against life developing itself, but also requires the state to protect and foster this life.

2. The obligation of the state to protect the life developing itself exists, even against the mother.

3. The protection of life of the child en ventre sa mereB takes precedence as a matter of principle for the entire duration of the pregnancy over the right of the pregnant woman to self-determination and may not be placed in question for any particular time.

† [Hereinafter cited as Translation]. Due to certain differences of opinion between the two translators, it is suggested that the reader refer to both the Remarks by Robert Jonas, and the Introduction by John Gorby.—Editors.

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Abortion, abstract norms, and social control: the decision of the West German Federal Constitutional Court.

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Abortion: rights or technicalities? A comparison of Roe v. Wade with the abortion decision of the German Federal Constitutional Court.

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Abstract

PIP: A comparison of the difference in approach, philosophy, and perception of social implications of abortion in the United States and Germany is examined by contrasting the Roe v. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court with the abortion decision of the German Federal Constitutional Court. Roe v. Wade effectively established abortion on demand prior to "viability" (approximately 6 months) and makes it difficult to prevent it for any reason at any time prior to live birth. When the West German Federal Diet passed the Fifth Law for the Reform of the Penal Code which allowed abortion on request up to 12 weeks of conception and for reasons of maternal health up to 22 weeks, the Constitutional Court declared it null and void 8 months later. The two courts reached their decisions for quite different reasons. In the U.S. "Jane Roe" was a real, though anonymous, woman. Other real persons had been trying to overturn abortion statutes in various states. The German court acted on a petition brought by 193 members of the Federal Diet and 4 of the states. It was thus, under the German system, obligated to
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