

Oil and Gas Contracts Research Guide

Selected Electronic and Print Materials

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Prepared in conjunction with Professor Lowe's Oil & Gas Contracts course

Electronic Research Strategies

LexisNexis. The full text law review library, the *Legal Resource Index*, the subject databases including both the Energy Library and the Environmental Law Libraries, and the News Library. Examine the menu for these libraries for further details. [**Search tip**: Lexis allows limiting search results in its News Library by adding a length segment restriction to a keyword search (**and length**> ____). For example, you may limit the number of items retrieved by adding to the base keywords ... *and length*> 1000 or some number of desirable words, thereby eliminating many useless short articles that happen to have the relevant keywords in them.] (Requires password.)

Westlaw. The full text law review databases, the *Legal Resource Index*, the practice area databases for Energy and for Environmental Law, and the Westnews database. See the Westlaw Database Directory or examine the directory online for an overview of available materials in the practice area databases. (Requires password.)

Oil, Gas, and Energy Law Intelligence (OGEL). Accessible from the law library's web page at: [Research Tools-->Find Articles & Databases --> Topic: Energy Law or Letter: O](#). Self-description from the database: "It uses the full potential of the internet and web-based data management to provide both a short newsletter, but also access to an extensive, and rapidly growing, database of 'primary legal/regulatory' materials. It includes short notes and Summaries – but with access to more comprehensive, in-depth studies and relevant primary material. The emphasis is not on a compilation of 'clippings' from newspapers, trade journals and the internet – as valuable as these are as a rapid item of information, but rather on 'intelligence', i.e. comment on the true significance, the essential elements and the wider implications of current developments written by oil-gas-energy lawyers and regulation specialists with an in-depth understanding of what a new development means – rather than just the reproduction of a press release." (Restricted to law school access from network or VPN.)

Examine the library's [Research Tools-->Find Articles & Databases](#) page. Look under the topic "Energy Law" for other resources in electronic format. For approaches to searching law and non-law journals, see the [Finding Articles: Law and Non-law Journals](#) section below.

Engineering Village 2. An index with primarily abstracts. Covers a wide range of periodicals, conferences, and other materials including items on oil and gas, law, contracts, and related matters. Available through the *SMU Online Resources* page at <http://www.smu.edu/cul/or/index.html>. Go to the menu box for "Browse by Subject." Select: "Science & Engineering" ► "Engineering." Scroll down to Engineering Village 2. Print copies of conference materials may be available at SMU, particularly in the Science Library. Check PONI for the title of the conference found through the index.

Depending on the issues of a particular research paper, consider other indexes or databases at the [SMU Online Resources](#) page. See to subject list for other topical areas.

[PONI](#), the SMU online catalog covers the collections in all SMU libraries.

U.S. Dept. of Energy, Office of Science & Technical Information, *Energy Citations Database* (1948 to date) at <http://www.osti.gov/energycitations/> (last visited Aug. 2007). Primarily a keyword searchable index with citations and annotations to articles, reports, conference papers, books, dissertations, and related publications. Links are provided when the document is available from a free Internet site.

U.S. Dept. of Energy, *DOE Information Bridge* at <http://www.osti.gov/bridge/> contains full text documents and reports produced by the DOE's National Laboratories and grant recipients.

Sources for Foreign Law & International Law

Thomas Reynolds, *Foreign Law Guide*. This publication is on the library's [Research Tools-Find Articles & Databases](#) web page. Identifies primary publications for legislation, regulations, etc., but also has a useful subject index to the major laws of each nation. If English is not the language of the jurisdiction, there may be cross-references to compilations of translations. [Check the PONI catalog <<https://poni.smu.edu/>> for holdings of those compilations at SMU.]

Commercial Laws of the World: [country name]. Now published in electronic format only through the *RIA Checkpoint* database at the library's [Research Tools-Find Articles & Databases](#) link. See the detailed instructions on the library's web page for accessing this service. It is combined with *RIA Worldwide Tax Laws* in the "international" section of *RIA Checkpoint*. Note the supplementation date for each country.

RIA Worldwide Tax Laws: [country name]. Part of the "international" tax section of *RIA Checkpoint* at the library's [Research Tools-Find Articles & Databases](#) link. See the instructions on that page.

International Legal Materials. (I.L.M.) Reprints selected international, foreign, multilateral, and bilateral documents. Note that reprinted documents are commonly preceded by a useful, brief, explanatory essay. Annual index. Print edition located in Law Periodicals.

Search tip: Better yet, *International Legal Materials* (I.L.M.) is also available in [HeinOnline](#), the database of full text law journals noted above (access from law network or VPN). As of Jan. 17, 2008, *HeinOnline* currently holds volumes 1-45 (1962-2006) of the I.L.M.

Cornell Legal Information Institute, *Foreign & International Law Resources for the Legal Researcher*, at <http://library2.lawschool.cornell.edu/ForeignLawGuide/> (last visited Jan. 2008). Browse by topic or by geographical area. [Might lead to useful links. No guarantees.]

Examine the foreign law sections of the Law Library's web guide titled, [International & Foreign Law Cite-Checking Research Guide](#). Here you will find web links to resources on the Internet and location & call numbers for print publications available in the library.

Fletcher School, *Multilaterals Project* (Tufts University), at <http://www.fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html> (last visited Jan. 2008). Text of a variety of multilateral agreements including oil pollution and other environmental and topical treaties. Searchable by keyword.

Islamic and Middle Eastern Law Materials on the Net, at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/academics/centres/cimel/materials/materials.html> (part of the World Wide Web Virtual Library) (last visited Jan. 2008). Selected texts of laws and commentary on commercial law and investment. See section on "Texts from Commercial and Personal Sites."

Energy industry maps and data. Petroleum, gas, and power industries generally, pipelines, nuclear power, energy-related information & statistics. Individual maps cover countries, regions, industries, or are world-wide in scope. Examples include: *Energy Map of of the World* (2006 ed.), *World Gas Map* (2007 ed.), *Energy Map of Mexico* (2004 ed.), *World LNG Map* (2007 ed.), and *National Oil Companies of the World* (2005 ed.). There are currently more than 80 map titles in the collection. Law Periodicals: **Shelved after the journal *Petroleum Economist*.**

Electronic Texas Law on the Internet

Railroad Commission of Texas, at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/> (last visited Jan. 2008). (Links to publications, data, rules & regulations, forms, more.)

Railroad Commission of Texas *Rules* at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/rules/index.html> (last visited Jan. 2008). Current, proposed, and working drafts.

Ernest E. Smith, *Texas Law of Oil and Gas*, 2d ed. (3 vol. loose-leaf, 1998--). Law Reserve: KFT1458 A1 S4362

Texas Legislature Online (<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>). Web site for the Texas Legislature with access to current activity and texts, text of statutes, text of Constitution, and more. Text of legislative history documents including all versions of bills, legislative analysis, and fiscal notes beginning with the 74th Legislature (1995) found under "Bill Status" search link.

Texas Statutes (through the 80th Session of Legislature). See <http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/statutes.html>. Browse in html format by means of the table of contents on the left column (click on the code name) or download zipped files. (Zipped files require a utility such as WinZip to open.)

Search tip: This web version of the Texas codes is supplemented by *Index to Sections Affected* (Legislative Reference Library of Texas) at <http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/isaf/> (last visited Jan. 2008). This is a menu driven database to find updates to particular code sections from the last legislative session and called sessions. Default page is the regular session of the 80th Legislature. Page links to previous sessions of the Legislature back to 1995.

For example, to find all amendments to the Natural Resources Code from the current regular session: (1) set the Session field to "80 R. S." (regular session), (2) set the Code field to "Natural Resources Code, and (3) set the

Status field to "enrolled" when seeking only those new laws that were finally passed by the Legislature. (4) Leave the Article/Leg field blank. -- The search retrieves all bills that added or amended any section of that code and identifies the relevant code section number. The hyperlinks on the search result screen connect to the legislative history and all textual versions, including the final enrolled version, of the Texas bill. Separate searches of the called sessions are necessary to find other amendments, if any, for the same code.

Finding Statistics

U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, **Official Energy Statistics of the U.S. Government**, at <http://eia.doe.gov/indexnjava.html> (last visited Jan. 2008). Recent and historical U.S. statistics and international statistics for all types of energy resources including petroleum and natural gas: production, pricing, import/export, reserves, drilling, more. (PDF and text files.) [This particular link is the petroleum page. Use the "home": link at the top left of the EIA petroleum page to connect to data for natural gas, coal, nuclear, etc.]

U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Chronology of Events, 1970-2000* at http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/analysis_publications/chronology/petroleum_chronology2000.htm (last visited Jan. 2008). (One of the documents found under "analysis" in the petroleum section of the statistics web site.)

U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *States*, at http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/states/_states.html (last visited Aug. 2007). (Statistical data accessible by state.)

Organizations

American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. Access at <http://www.abanet.org/environ/> and see their "Links" page.

Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) at <http://www.aipn.org/>.

American Petroleum Institute web site. <http://www.api.org>. (Some materials freely accessible, even if web page says subscribers log in. Just have to try links to see what happens. Can view some statistical data, for example, under the "Energy Professional Site" without logging in as a subscriber.)

Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). At <http://www.iogcc.state.ok.us/>.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) at <http://www.oecd.org>. Text of the "OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions," links to national implementing legislation, commentary, news, OECD reports, publications. Examine under the topic "corruption" on the web site.

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at <http://www.opec.org/> for information, news, press releases, speeches, documents, and publications.

[Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation](#) home page.

Selected Energy Reports on the Internet

U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2008*, at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/aeo/index.html> (released Dec. 2007). Forecasts for U.S. energy supply, demand, and prices through 2030.

U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *International Energy Outlook 2007* at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/ieo/> (released May 2007).

Selected Topical Materials

Extreme Oil (PBS). Web site connected with this PBS television program. The journey of a barrel of oil, brief history of oil development, and the technology of exploration, production, transportation, and refining of oil. At <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/extremeoil/> (last visited Aug. 2007).

General Research Information

Articles on Finding a Research Topic

Eugene Volokh, *Academic Legal Writing: Law Review Articles, Student Notes, Seminar Papers, and Getting on Law Review* 3rd ed. (2007). Located on Reserve: KF250 V65 2007

Elizabeth Fajans, *Scholarly Writing for Law Students: Seminar Papers, Law Review Notes, and Law Review Competition Papers*, 2d ed. (2000). Located on Reserve: KF250 F34 2000

Heather Meeker, *Stalking the Golden Topic: A Guide to Locating and Selecting Topics for Legal Research Papers*, 1996 Utah L. Rev. 917. Full text also available on LexisNexis, Westlaw, and in PDF format from [HeinOnline](#) (access through law school VPN network).

[NOTE: For information on configuring your computer for VPN access, go to the [SMU main web page](#), in the "Search SMU" box at the top left, type VPN and press your <enter> key. From the results list select the appropriate directions for your computer's operating system. If you have problems, contact the library's technical staff in person or by email at lawtech@mail.smu.edu.]

Suggested Strategies

1. If you are thinking about a topic involving litigation, do a survey looking for cases of "first impression" or where there is a conflict of decisions in the circuits of the U.S. Courts of Appeals. For example, try a keyword search in a suitable federal court database on [Westlaw](#) or [LexisNexis](#) (using the appropriate search connectors) such as:

Westlaw: "first impression" /s oil gas petroleum

LexisNexis: conflict w/8 (circuit or appeals) w/30 (oil or gas or petroleum)

2. Examine relevant treatises or the newsletters of loose-leaf services for discussions of current issues.
3. Examine the "notes" sections of relevant casebooks for commentary on ongoing issues or case conflicts.
4. Examine topical magazines, like Petroleum Economist, and/or newspapers for current controversies that can be the basis of a paper topic.
5. Find articles in the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals that may provide ideas not yet examined in the U.S. literature. Electronic version of the IFLP is accessible from the library's [Research Tools - Find Articles & Databases](#) page.
6. Examine A.L.R. annotations for ideas on potential issues.

Searching the Internet

1. **Google** web search engine. At <http://www.google.com>. (Very useful search engine for law-connected resources. For more sophisticated keyword searches, go to the advanced search page.) [**Search tip:** Use the right-mouse button to open individual search result links in another window. Saves back-tracking with a browser Back-Button.]
2. **Vivisimo** web search engine. At <http://vivisimo.com/>. Alternate search engine that clusters results by subtopics. May help overcome the problem of very long search results on other engines.
3. **Findlaw** law web index at <http://www.findlaw.com>. Table of contents menu for finding legal sources on the Internet.
4. AltaVista's *Babel Fish Translation* web page at <http://world.altavista.com/> can be used to copy/paste portions of non-English texts to get the gist of a translation into English. [This is a machine-based translation, so it can be less than perfect, but helpful.]
5. *FreeTranslation.com* at <http://www.freetranslation.com/> is an alternate that can be used for the same kind of machine-based translation.

General Researching Tips

1. While browsing publications online, or in print, be constantly aware of terminology that can expand or focus subsequent keyword searches. In particular, note any "terms of art" or synonyms for more "common" words. For example, while many publications refer to oil and natural gas, relevant publications in other fields may refer to "petroleum" or "hydrocarbons" ("hidrocarburos" in Spanish). Do not assume that the only relevant materials are published in "law" publications.

2. Note the subject headings assigned to books or articles found in catalogs and indexes (print or electronic). Use these terms to expand searches or to add to a list of potential keywords for further electronic searching. "Subject headings" collect materials in one place that use synonyms or foreign language terms for the same topic.
3. Scan the footnotes or endnotes of a publication for other potentially relevant publications or ideas.
4. If you find a relevant article or book, use its citation or title as a search strategy in LexisNexis or Westlaw to find later articles, news publications, etc. that have cited that initial article or book. Try searching [Google Scholar](#) with elements of that same information.
5. If initial electronic searches seem to retrieve too few items consider adding synonyms for terms and/or break up or eliminate phrases from search strategies. Long phrases can seriously hinder keyword searches, unless they are vital phrases or quotations that are highly likely to be cited.
6. When using an Internet search engine or index-database, try searching with as many specific terms as possible, then expand or contract the search with other terms. What are the really essential keywords that need to appear and in what relationship to each other? If you are not using Google, note how the search engine treats phrases. Look for an "advanced" search screen. Read the help screens on the search engine.
7. Do not assume that the first electronic search, with one set of terms, will retrieve everything relevant to your research issue no matter which database or index searched.
8. When using LexisNexis or Westlaw examine the thesaurus options (function) to find additional or alternate words or concepts for your own keywords.

Interlibrary Loans

Law Library's **interlibrary loan policy** and form links. See [Borrowing from Other Libraries](#). If you are requesting an ILL, put the course's name in the notes box of the ILL request form.

- ILL should be used sparingly and as a last resort, both because of the time required to obtain materials from distant locations (5 – 10 days for copies; 7 – 14 days for loans) and because the Law Library incurs considerable expense in staff time and **interlibrary loan fees** for each request.
- Note that there are limitations on the types of materials that can be borrowed through interlibrary loan. The following types of materials are generally **not** available through ILL:

Recently published books.
Entire volumes or issues of periodicals.
Reference works or reserve materials.

Rare books or original manuscripts.
Newspapers.
Audiovisual materials and computer software.
Some doctoral dissertations and master's theses.

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John B. Ballem, *The Oil and Gas Lease in Canada*, 3d ed. (1999). 4th fl.: KE1822 B34 1999

Ilias Bantekas, *Oil and Gas Law in Kazakhstan: National and International Perspectives* (Kluwer Law Int'l 2004). 4th fl.: KLR336.6 B36 2004

Earl A. Brown, *The Law of Oil and Gas Leases*, 2d ed. (loose-leaf) (Supp. 2006). 4th fl.: KF1865 B72 Also available on [LexisNexis](#). (requires password)

Michael A.G. Bunter, *The Promotion and Licensing of Petroleum Prospective Acreage* (2002). 4th fl.: K3915 B86 2002

Martyn R. David, *Natural Gas Agreements* (2002). [Great Britain]. 4th fl.: KD2366 N38 2002

Andrew B. Derman, *Model Form International Operating Agreement: An Analysis and Interpretation of the 1995 Form* (1997). 4th fl.: KF5505 A73 N37 no. 23

International Oil & Gas Law, Contracts, and Negotiations: Practical Negotiating & Drafting: Turning Pitfalls into Profits (SWLF, RMMLF, & AIPN 2000). 4th fl.: K3914.8 I58 2000

Anne O'Hara, *A Practical Guide to Gas Contracting* (PennWell Books 1999). Law Storage: HD9581 U5 O43 1999

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, *Law of Federal Oil and Gas Leases* (2 vol. looseleaf) (M. Bender Supp. 2006). 4th fl.: KF1865 A6 R63. Also available on [LexisNexis](#). (requires password)

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Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, *Oil and Gas Agreements: the Exploration Phase* (RMMLF 2004). 4th fl.: KF1849 A2 O54 2004

Jeanmarie Tade, *Drafting Indemnity Provisions in Oil and Gas Contracts: Analysis and Application of Texas and Louisiana Statutes and Case Law*, 2d ed. (1994). 4th fl.: KF5505 A73 N37 no.21

Bernard Taverne, *An Introduction to the Regulation of the Petroleum Industry: Laws, Contracts, and Conventions* (1994). 4th fl.: K3915.4 T38 1994

General Works

Lucinda A. Low, et al., eds., *International Lawyer's Deskbook*, 2d ed. (2003). 4th fl.: KF299 I54 I58 2003

Mark R. Sandstrom & David N. Goldsweig, eds., *Negotiating and Structuring International Commercial Transactions*, 2d ed. (2003). 4th Fl.: K1005.6 N43 2003

Sidney Weintraub, Annette Hester, & Veronica R. Prado, *Energy Cooperation in the Western Hemisphere: Benefits and Impediments* (2007). 4th fl.: HD9560.5 E5315 2007

U.S. Oil & Gas Law Publications

Noah S. Baer, *Oil and Gas Transactions* [BNA Tax Mgmt. Portfolio No. 605] (2002, Supp. Mar. 2007). On Reserve: TMP 605

Barry Barton, *Regulating Energy and Natural Resources* (2006). 4th fl.: K3981 R44 2006

Center for American & International Law, formerly the Southwestern Legal Foundation, *Oil and Gas Reporter* (1952--). 2nd fl.: 2-E KF1846 A2 S6

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, formerly the Eastern Mineral Law Foundation, *Proceedings of the ... Annual Energy & Mineral Law Institute*; formerly, the *Proceedings of the ... Annual Institute* (1980--). 4th fl.: KF5508 A75 E38 Twelfth through twentieth proceedings also available on [Westlaw](#). (requires password)

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, *Federal Energy Guidelines: FERC Reports* (loose-leaf service). 2nd fl.: 2-E KF2120 A6 A375

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, *Federal Energy Guidelines: Statutes & Regulations* (loose-leaf service). 2nd fl.: 2-E KF2120 A6A375 S8

Richard J. Fink, ed., *The Natural Resources Law Manual* (ABA 1995). 4th fl.: KF5505 N383 1995

Institute for Energy Law at the Center for American & International Law, formerly the Southwestern Legal Foundation, *Proceedings of the ... Annual Institute on Oil and Gas Law and Taxation* (Beginning in 2002 the institute shortened its title to *... Annual Institute on Oil*

and Gas Law). (1960--) 2nd fl.: 2-E KF1849 A2 S637
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Kramer & Martin, *The Law of Pooling and Unitization*, 3d ed. (5 vol. loose-leaf) (1989--).
4th fl.: KF1853 M9 1989 Also available on [LexisNexis](#). (requires password)

Eugene O. Kuntz, *Treatise on the Law of Oil and Gas: Including Forms, Statutes, and Regulations* (Supp. 2007). Law 4th fl.: KF1849 K83 v. __ .

In addition, Kuntz's *Law of Oil and Gas* is available on [LexisNexis](#). We can not jump directly to this search page, so log into LexisNexis, go to the menu and click through the following steps: "Area of Law by Topic" — "Energy" — "Treatises & Analytical Materials" — then, "Kuntz, Law of Oil and Gas" file. You may search or browse the contents.

John S. Lowe, *Oil and Gas Law in a Nutshell*, 4th ed. (2003). On Reserve: KF1850 L68 2003

Martin & Kramer, *Oil and Gas Law*, 2nd ed. (Abridged edition) (2004). 4th fl.: KF1849 W5 2004

Proceedings of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute. (annual). 2nd fl.: 2-E KF5508 A75 R6. Online database is called the *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Digital Library* linked at the library's [Research Tools-Find Articles & Databases](#) web page.

Search tip: A Keyword/Boolean search in the **SMU online catalog (PONI)** (<https://poni.smu.edu/>) using the phrase (in quotation marks) "rocky mountain mineral law" will retrieve the records for more than 100 conferences sponsored by the Institute in the Underwood Law Library's collection in addition to the annual proceedings. Narrow the search in PONI by adding more keywords, for example the search <"rocky mountain mineral law" and (oil or gas)> yields over fifty different programs that use one of those two words in a title or subject heading.

Alternatively, use the search boxes and pull down menus on the online catalog at the "Advanced Search" page to do keyword searches for terms, phrases, or synonyms.

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Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, *Gower Federal Service: Royalty Valuation and Management* (loose-leaf service). 2nd fl.: 2-E KF1815 G69

Ernest E. Smith, *Materials on International Petroleum Transactions*, 2d ed. (2000). 4th fl.: K3915.4 M3 2000

State Bar of Texas, *Advanced Oil, Gas, & Energy Resources Law Course* (2005). On Reserve: KFT1459 A1 A93 2005. Earlier editions in Texas Collection on the second floor.

W.L. Summers, *The Law of Oil and Gas: with Forms* (multiple volumes with supplements). 4th fl.: KF1849 S8

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Williams & Meyers, *Oil and Gas Law* (multi-volume loose-leaf). 4th fl.: KF146.5 W5
Also available on [LexisNexis](#). (requires password)

Williams & Meyers, *Oil and Gas Terms: Annotated Manual of Legal, Engineering, Tax Words and Phrases* (2003). 4th fl.: KF1847.5 W55

Barrows Publications: Foreign and International Concession Contracts and Oil Laws

Barrows has a free searchable index to its publications at <http://www.barrowscompany.com/Publications/Search.do>. This identifies documents, but is NOT access to full text. It is a research tool only, but can be used in conjunction with the print series below. (*Note the purchase prices on items found.*) Check the shelves or examine the online catalog record for specific holdings in the Underwood Law Library.

Central America and Caribbean: Basic Oil Laws and Concession Contracts, Original Texts, (1964--). (Text of contracts, laws, decrees, etc. may or may not be in English. See the cumulating index at the back of the latest supplement for each jurisdiction.) 4th fl.: KG822 P48

Europe: Basic Oil Laws and Concession Contracts, Original Texts, (1963--). (Text of contracts, laws, decrees, etc. may or may not be in English. See the cumulating index at the back of the latest supplement for each jurisdiction.) 4th fl.: KJC6854 P74 ...

Middle East Basic Oil Laws and Concession Contracts, Original Texts, (1959--). (Text of contracts, laws, decrees, etc. may or may not be in English. See the cumulating index at the back of the latest supplement for each jurisdiction.) 4th fl.: KMF P477

North Africa: Basic Oil Laws and Concession Contracts, Original Texts, (1965--). (Text of contracts, laws, decrees, etc. may or may not be in English. See the cumulating index at the back of the latest supplement for each jurisdiction.) 4th fl.: KQG P477

South America: Basic Oil Laws and Concession Contracts, Original Texts, (1960--). (Text of contracts, laws, decrees, etc. may or may not be in English. See the cumulating index at the back of the latest supplement for each jurisdiction.) 4th fl.: KH822 P47

Petroleum Legislation, (1957--). **Supplements all Barrows regional titles including the five titles immediately above (and series NOT owned by the Underwood Law Library).** See cumulative table of contents for access by country. 4th fl.: K3912.2 P4

Petroleum Taxation, Petroleum Legislation Report, (1972--). **Supplements all Barrows regional titles.** Can include legislation summaries, model contracts, and announced contracts information. See cumulating table of contents in latest supplement. 4th fl.: K3912.2 P58

Petroleum Taxation, Petroleum Legislation, World Review (1963--). Annual issues review events of the year. 4th fl.: K3912.2 P58

Selected Periodicals

Following titles are found in the library's periodicals collection on the 3rd floor or electronically. Articles and/or news on oil and gas issues may be found in a wide range of law reviews, newspapers, and newsletter sources beyond this short list of topical publications. Consider LexisNexis, Westlaw, and other databases as possible sources for text. Some electronic examples are noted below. For alphabetical list of accessible electronic journals available from SMU, see the [SMU Online Resources](#) page.

Energy Law Journal -----also on LexisNexis & Westlaw
Inside Energy -----now on LexisNexis, Westlaw, and in other databases--see PONI catalog record
Inside F.E.R.C. -----currently on LexisNexis & Westlaw
Journal of Land, Resources & Environmental Law, formerly *Journal of Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law* --on LexisNexis & Westlaw
Natural Gas Week -----on LexisNexis, Westlaw, & other databases-- see PONI catalog record
Natural Resources Journal ----also on LexisNexis & Westlaw
Oil & Gas Journal -----also on LexisNexis, Westlaw, & in other databases-- see PONI catalog record
Oil Daily -----on LexisNexis from 2001 forward to within one week.
Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly, formerly *Oil & Gas Tax Quarterly*
Petroleum Economist -----also on LexisNexis & in other databases-- see PONI catalog record
Trends: ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources Newsletter

Finding Articles ***Law and Non-law Journals*** [last updated: Jan. 2008]

Content: Alternative approaches to finding relevant law journal articles, non-law journal articles, working papers, pre-prints, and general news/magazine articles. Emphasis is on electronic formats. Commercial services cited here, and subscribed to by the Underwood Law Library, are accessible from the law school network through VPN, or require a personal password (such as Westlaw and LexisNexis). Most commercial services noted are accessed through the RESEARCH TOOLS-FIND ARTICLES & DATABASES link on the [Underwood Law Library's web page](#).

Law Journals & Working Papers

- [Westlaw](#) & [LexisNexis](#) (require password): The most common sources used for finding full-text law journal articles are LexisNexis and Westlaw. These are excellent resources, **but** they are limited to articles published no earlier than 1980, some volumes in Westlaw did not include all articles, and individual titles may begin at a much more recent date. Note also that not every American law journal is included. To determine if journals are in these databases: search [PONI](#) and look for "electronic resource" records. Or better yet, search the [Law Library's A-Z Electronic Journals list](#). An advantage of the A-Z list is that it is updated daily. While the web page says "e-journals," there are also a significant number of newspapers and other non-law periodicals on the list. Unfortunately, the A-Z list is not comprehensive with respect to all online titles in these databases. If a title is not in PONI nor on

the A-Z list, go to the [Westlaw Database Directory](#) or the [LexisNexis Directory of Online Sources](#) to search for titles without logging into either database.

- **HeinOnline** (Click <SUBSCRIBERS CLICK HERE TO ENTER> button.) (restricted SMU access): The best source for full-text law journal articles before and after 1980 is *HeinOnline*. It contains the full text (PDF files) of 1051 law journals, including ALL of the major American academic law reviews starting at volume one of each title. The database may not contain the most recent years of a specific title depending on licensing restrictions. See the "Law Journal Library" in *HeinOnline* for detailed contents of all titles. [For example, the *Harvard Law Review* currently covers v. 1-120 (1887-2007).] HeinOnline journal titles also appear in [PONI](#) and the [A-Z Electronic Journals list](#).

HeinOnline is expected to expand to at least 1,200 titles and includes international law journals, A.B.A. journals, and journals from other jurisdictions including the U.K., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Kenya, Netherlands, Israel, Korea, Mexico, and more. *The database may be browsed by volume and page or searched by author, title, citation, or keywords.* There are also special libraries that can be searched separately from the complete list, including "International & Non-US Law Journals," "Most-Cited Law Journals," "American Bar Association Journals" and others.

- **Underwood E-Journal Subscriptions (outside Westlaw, LexisNexis, or HeinOnline)**: See links to electronic journals at the library's [Research Tools-Find Articles & Databases](#) page.
- Use the [Law Library's A-Z Electronic Journals List](#) to find hyperlinks to journals in LexisNexis, Westlaw, HeinOnline, and Cambridge Journals Online.
- **Law Library of Congress Law Reviews Online**: Links to electronic U.S. law journals and other publications.
- **SSRN Legal Scholarship Network**: Browse or search abstracts and selected full text preprints, articles, working papers, and studies. Use the SEARCH or BROWSE buttons on the top menu line to retrieve papers. Download free PDF files when available.
- **Berkeley Press Legal Repository**: Searchable database of preprints, articles, conference papers, working papers, and other scholarly research. Includes all NELLCO institutions, plus another 16 law schools and several associations, including Michigan, U.C.L.A., Berkeley, Northwestern, U. of Southern California, Illinois, and more. Browse by subject or search by keyword. Download PDF files.
- **NELLCO Legal Scholarship Repository**: Searchable database of preprints, articles, and working papers from New England Law Library Consortium member schools. SMU Law is an affiliate member of NELLCO. Current depositing law schools are: Boston College, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Fordham, NYU, Roger Williams, Suffolk, U. of Connecticut, U. of Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Yale. Browse or search by keyword. Download PDF files.
- **SMU Dedman School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper Series**: Papers prepared by SMU law faculty.
- **Duke Law Faculty Scholarship Repository**: Selected faculty publications going back as far as 1951. Browse, keyword, or subject search.
- **Litilaw: Published Articles for Litigators**. (Lexbe) Collection of full text articles reprinted from CLE programs, law journals, and other sources. Keyword search or browse by topics. Articles may be on substantive law topics as well as procedure or litigation matters. To some extent it overlaps with above sources, i.e. reprints of existing mainstream journal articles. Unfortunately, you can't identify the source of a particular article until you open the file. Authors are encouraged to submit new articles to the database. PDF format.
- **Directory of Open Access Journals**. Index to free scholarly and scientific full-text journals from around the world. The index, as of August 2007, covers more than 3,000 journals with just over 980 journals searchable at the article level. Includes the topic "Law and Political Science." To see the full breadth of topics, click on the page's EXPAND SUBJECT TREE button.

Law Periodical Indexes

- [LegalTrac](#): (Law Library's Research Databases page): Online version of the *Current Law Index* (3rd floor Periodical Indexes counter) but it adds legal news and selected full text in HTML format. Indexes articles back to 1980. This index is also accessible in Westlaw and LexisNexis but titled as *Legal Resources Index*. The index covers more journal titles than are found full text in either of those databases and is a useful supplement to searching the full text databases in either service. Subject, author, and keyword searching.
- [Wilson Index to Legal Periodicals and Books Online](#) (Law Library's Research Databases page): Online version of *Wilson's Index to Legal Periodicals and Books* (3rd floor Periodical Indexes counter). Hyperlinks to selected full text articles in PDF or HTML format from 1995 forward, including all titles accessible in *HeinOnline!* Subject, author, and keyword searching. Note that there are selected law treatises covered in this index. Searches can be restricted to retrieve only works with full text accessible.
- [Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals](#) (Law Library's Research Databases page): Online version of the print index (3rd floor Periodical Indexes counter) that covers foreign journals except those from the U.K. and British Commonwealth countries. Indexed articles are not limited to English language.

Finding Non-law Journals

- [SMU Online Catalog](#) (PONI): Southern Methodist University subscribes to a very large number electronic services and e-journals beyond the law school. Look for catalog records that say [electronic resource] after the title. Open the record and you will find hyperlinks under "Electronic Access" to one or more services containing the full text. Click on a link to open the source. **The hyperlinks in PONI to LexisNexis Academic do NOT work for law students.** Law students should look for links that say "LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF ONLY." Or, for LexisNexis e-journals, go to [LexisNexis](#) with your regular password. [NOTE: Journal abbreviations are very UNLIKELY to work as search terms in the online catalog.]

Example where Underwood owns print *and* another library provides some electronic access

#	Title	Author	Full Title	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Behavioral sciences & the law		Behavioral sciences & the law	1983
Location: Law Periodicals Call Number: Periodical Status: View record for location information				
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Behavioral sciences & the law		Behavioral sciences & the law [electronic resource]	19uu
Location: *Internet (SMU campus and valid SMU students/faculty/staff)		Call Number: Electronic Resource, no call number assigned	Status: View record for location information	

- An alternate approach is the **A-Z alphabetical list of non-law e-journals and selected law e-journals** available through SMU that can be found at the [SMU Online Resources](#) page; browse by title, keyword search, or search for "title starts with..." All of these titles can also be found through the [SMU Online Catalog \(PONI\)](#). **The hyperlinks in the A-Z list to LexisNexis Academic do NOT work for law students.** For LexisNexis e-journals, go to [LexisNexis](#) with your regular password.

- [SMU Online Resources](#) page: (Sponsored by the Central University Libraries.) Find indexes and databases on a wide range of academic subjects, including law and law-related topics, plus a practical list of electronic journals and magazines. Off-campus access through VPN is strongly recommended. Otherwise, off-campus access to some databases may require using the bar code of your SMU ID. The following databases may be particularly useful.
 - [Academic Search Complete](#) (SMU Online Resources page; click on link to Acad. Search Premier (EBSCO)): Index to abstracts and selected full text for nearly 3,200 scholarly publications covering academic areas of study including social sciences, humanities, law, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Keyword searches can be restricted to retrieve only full-text articles. Format of full text materials varies from journal to journal, PDF and/or plain text.
 - [JSTOR](#) (SMU Online Resources page): Full text, PDF format, searchable archive of more than 100 journals in the humanities, political science, social sciences and sciences. Being an "archive," journal contents generally exclude the most recent few years. Coverage, however, usually extends back to volume one of each journal.
 - [InfoTrac OneFile](#) (SMU Online Resources page): Non-law periodicals index. Some full text. Updated daily.
- [Google Scholar](#). Google Scholar covers papers, articles, theses, and some books. Recommend using the "advanced search" links for most effective search options and restrictions. For details on coverage and how Google Scholar search results are ranked, see <http://scholar.google.com/intl/en/scholar/about.html>.
- [Directory of Open Access Journals](#). Index to free scholarly and scientific full-text journals from around the world. Index, as of Aug. 2007, covers more than 2,800 journals with just over 850 journals searchable at the article level. To see the full breadth of topics, click on the page's EXPAND SUBJECT TREE button.
- **Index to Periodical Articles Related to Law**. The full text of this index to non-law journals is listed in [HeinOnline](#) in the "Law Journal Library." The print version of this index is on the library's Periodical Indexes counter (3rd fl.)

Sources of Legal Abbreviations

- *Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations*. Available on [LexisNexis](#) (Direct Link requires Lexis ID) (4th ed. with updates.) Print copies of *Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations* (5th ed. 2001). [KF246 B46 2001] in Reference Office and at Circulation Desk.
- [Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations](#). "This web-based service allows you to search for the meaning of abbreviations for English language legal publications, from the British Isles, the Commonwealth and the United States, including those covering international and comparative law. A wide selection of major foreign language law publications is also included. Publications from over 280 jurisdictions are featured in the Index. The database mainly covers law reports and law periodicals, but some legislative publications and major textbooks are also included." (Quoted from the web site's own explanation.) This U.K. web site is searchable by title or by abbreviation. It asks whether you want exact matches or close matches which can be helpful. (Have not used this source enough to determine whether or not it should be a highlighted resource. Try it out. The interface is easy to use.)
- *Black's Law Dictionary*, 8th ed. (2004) Available also on [Westlaw](#). To get to the beginning of *Appendix A: Table of Legal Abbreviations*, do a keyword search in the dictionary's database for "aals" (without the quotation marks). Can then scroll the whole alphabetical table.

- ***Index to Legal Citations and Abbreviations*** by Raistrick, (2d ed. 1993). [KD400 .R33 1993]. (Reference Office). Great for European and U.K. law sources.
- ***Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations Reversed: Terms and Titles to Abbreviations*** (1994). If you know the name of the journal and need the Bluebook abbreviation, you might want to check.
[Reference Collection: K89 .K37 1994]
- ***The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*** (18th ed. 2005). Tables 2-5 on foreign and international law sources.
- ***World Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations*** (1994–). (4 volume loose-leaf) Particularly strong Spanish language section and substantial coverage of sources in common law jurisdictions.
[Reference Collection: K85 .W67]
- **[Abbreviations and Acronyms of the U.S. Government](#)** (IUPUI).
- ***Latin American Legal Abbreviations: a Comprehensive Spanish/Portuguese Dictionary with English Translations*** by Torres & Avalos (1989).
[Reference Collection: KG25 T67 1989]
- ***Noble's International Guide to the Law Reports***. 2d ed. (2002). Covers court reporters in both the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions. Organized alphabetically by citation abbreviation.
[Reference Collection: K 38 .N63 2002]

Other Abbreviations and Acronyms

- **All-acronyms.com**. Good for law-related organizations. Search box for abbreviations; browse by category; or, browse by alphabetical entries.