



Southwestern Law School (81001) Library Policy With The Library's mission. Our objective is to select, organize, and make available those materials that supports the curriculum and the increasingly specialized demands of faculty, ranging from new faculty, course offerings, and subject areas developing in the legal field. This policy serves as a general guide for selecting library materials. It is also intended to inform library users about the nature of the collection, the direction of its development, and the basic principles upon which selections are made.

B. Selection Procedures

1. Responsibility for Collection Development

The Associate Dean and Law Library Director is ultimately responsible, as delegated by the Dean of Southwestern Law School, for maintaining and developing the law library collections. The Associate Dean relies on the specialized knowledge of the Senior Reference Librarian for developing the foreign and international law collections and the Head of Collection Services for specialized database/E-resources purchases. All reference librarians work on the collection development team in selecting materials; faculty are encouraged to submit recommendations.

2. Criteria for Selecting Materials

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3. Selection Tools

Our primary selection tool is the YBPLibrary Service'sGOBIslips (Global Online Bibliographic Information). We have set our GOBI profile to include additional titles in the social sciences.We also review publishers' catalogs, announcements, and book reviews in various publications. For electronic resources,in addition to direct announcements from publishers, we regularly review offers from NELLCO (NELLCO Law Library Consortium) and SCELC (Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium). We

We decide on a case-by-case by whether to purchase a perpetual license versus one that requires renewals Note that some collections are offered only as a perpetual license, also referred to as providing “ownership.” These collections typically involve large upfront expenditures and a smaller annual accessfee. Annual licensing is preferred, but the library has purchased perpetual licenses for several collections. A general concern exists in the field of library science that the safeguards offered by the publishers are illusory, given the turmoil in the marketplace.

b. Monographs

Scholarly monographic works are both the continuing and current focus of collection development. They are purchased in subject areas listed in Section III below. In addition to the law -related subject areas, the library purchases interdisciplinary monographs requested by faculty if the cost is reasonable and interlibrary loans will not satisfy the need. We purchase most scholarly monographs in hard copy; however, the library will consider e-book collections, especially to enhance interdisciplinary offerings.

The library maintains blanket standing orders with publishers where the discount is substantial, the library would likely select most of the titles individually, or the materials would be difficult to acquire otherwise.

Current standing orders include:

- CEB(limited to 27 titles)
- Nolo Press
- West Academic Hornbook Series
- West Academic Nutshell Series

In place of our previous standing orders to California CEB(except as noted above) and PLI (Practicing Law Institute) treatises and course materials in print, we now subscribe online.

In place of our previous standing order status with the American Bar Association, we are now a “silver” ABA customer. We receive a list of new publications every month and order from them. We order most titles, unless cost prohibitive.

c. Looseleaf Services

Traditionally, the library has maintained at least one major looseleaf service in each area of curricular or faculty interest. If there were competing sets by major publishers, the library would subscribe to both. Due to the high cost to maintain looseleaves and their online counterparts' convenience, print looseleaves will be

updated or added to the collection only as needed for specific faculty research needs or when cost or licensing restrictions make print the better option.

d. Legal Treatises and Practice Guides

monographs. Retaining materials that have historical research value is increasingly important because they are unlikely to be contained in electronic databases.

When the library discontinues supplementing a source, a decision is made on a case-by-case basis regarding how to manage the materials on the shelves. If materials remain on the shelf, their record in the online catalog will be updated to reflect the source is no longer updated and the date when supplementation ceased. Additionally, warning labels are placed in the book in the location a patron would expect to find the current supplement. Labels are not used if the publisher, rather than the library, discontinued supplementation.

Case Law Access is available electronically via numerous databases

These and other federal materials are available digitally via our subscriptions to Lexis, Westlaw, ProQuest Congressional, ProQuest Legislative Insight, and HeinOnline. The Westlaw Patron Terminal provides access for alumni and Members.

B. Secondary Sources

a. Digests

The library relies on Westlaw for all current digests. Federal, regional, and California digests remain on the shelves but are not updated. Westlaw Patron Access provides current access for alumni and Members.

b. Legal Encyclopedias

The library will continue to retain its current print collections of American Jurisprudence, 2d and California Jurisprudence in print. However, new print volumes will not be purchased. These materials are located in the second floor stacks and California room respectively. Both are additionally available electronically via Lexis and Westlaw. The library relies on Westlaw for access to current volumes of Corpus Juris Secundum. Older volumes remain in the second-floor stacks.

c. Legal Treatises and Hornbooks

The library collects major treatises in areas of curricular or faculty interest in print. Additionally, the library collects titles from the West Academic "Hornbook" series in print. Access to major legal titles not collected in print titles are available via Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law, PLI Discover Plus, and other databases.

d. Restatements

The library collects the following Restatements of the Law:

to be housed in the Reserve Collection, this attempt is not a guarantee and should not be relied on by students for class planning or preparation purposes.

The library neither acquires nor accepts donations of bar review course materials/outlines. These materials change frequently, and many bar outline publishers prohibit transfer of these sources.

j. Books for Layperson

Books geared to the layperson are generally not collected. However, the library continues to maintain its standing order with Nolo Press. These books are shelved in the California room and in the stacks on the second floor.

C. Monographs (Law and Interdisciplinary)

Law and law-related scholarly monographs are collected in the subject areas listed in Appendix A if requested by faculty or relevant to current course offerings.

For non-law related topics, the library prefers for new materials to be acquired in digital format. Materials related to the social sciences and humanities are available via JSTOR, Social Sciences Full Text, and ACLS Humanities E-book. Wiley Online Library provides access to books and scholarly journals about a broad range of topics, from agriculture to astronomy to engineering and more.

Older materials and new titles acquired in print are on the second floor.

D. Foreign Law

The library collects materials based on faculty interest, current courses, and needs of law school journals dealing with foreign and comparative law. Materials related to

Great Britain, Canada, and Mexico specifically reflect our Anglo-American legal system and the law of neighboring countries. The preferred format is digital, and all purchases are guided by curricular (including study abroad programs) and research needs. Exemplar databases that support foreign law research are ICLR Online, Reynolds & Flores Foreign Law Guide, and HeinOnline.

The foreign law materials are located on the lower level.

E. International Law

The library collects materials based on faculty interest, current courses, and needs of law school journals dealing with international law.

a. Public International Law

Primary and secondary materials related to public international law and international organizations are collected in select areas, including international criminal law, dispute resolution among nations, terrorism, international trade, United Nations treaties and

commissions, and international environmental law. The library will collect materials,

F. Appendix A

Subject Area Collections Currently Collected

- Administrative Law
- Advertising Law
- Agency &

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- Land Use and Zoning
- Landlord/Tenant Law
- Latin American Laws and Institutions
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