Today’s agenda

• Introduction
  – CRL Global Resources Forum
  – Why law & government
  – CRL’s agenda
• Access to digitized legacy materials
  – HeinOnline, LLMC-Digital, and other databases
• International sources
  – Aggregators, digitization projects
  – GLIN (Global Legal Information Network)
• Digital federal government information
• Questions & answers
Presenters

- Bernard F. Reilly
  President
  Center for Research Libraries
CRL Global Resources Forum

Analysis

Intelligence

Library investment
Legal research was one of the first areas of scholarship to move into the electronic world, with the introduction of dial-up terminals for searching case law in the 1970s. Today, most legal research done in law schools, courts, and the legal profession at large is conducted via computerized databases. Legal professionals depend primarily on services purchased from the two giants in the field, Westlaw and LexisNexis. However, for scholars outside of law schools, the judicial system, or the legal profession, access to primary source materials on the law has traditionally been much more difficult. In addition, the digital products offered by the large legal information companies are not
In This Issue

Civil society and its institutions are topics of growing interest to researchers. In a wide range of fields, documents produced by, and in connection with, civil society—groups, associations, and coalitions—provide valuable and often unique perspectives on the social, political, and cultural history of their era. Unfortunately, at a time when historians, jurists, and social scientists are beginning to mine primary legal documents for research purposes, many archives are reducing their holdings of these materials. In some countries, archives are in danger of losing them. For example, the National Archives at CRL have acquired and preserved public archives in many world regions. At the same time, CRL has been working with the Law Library Microform Consortium to expand its preservation of historically important legal publications. CRL and IMLS are now pooling resources to digitize important published materials, particularly from world regions like Africa and the Caribbean. (See pages 9 and 12.) CRL’s recent acquisition of the Central American Archives (page 2) and LAMPS digitization of cases from 18th-century Puerto Rican courts (page 7)—two untried sources of unpublished, archival materials on Spanish colonial governments—further enlarge this wealth of documentation. We hope that CRL’s efforts to help ensure that the memory of civil society is preserved for the benefit of future researchers—and tomorrow’s citizens.

—Bernard P. Reilly Jr.
President
Why “Sources on Law and Government”? 

CRL’s historic mission

Change in the mandates of law libraries

Change in the role of national repositories
CRL’s agenda: Law and Government

Digitization of CRL holdings

Provide digital access to broader range of digital law

Ensure survival of the print corpus
Pierre C. ALEXANDRE

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de la
LÉGISLATION
sur
L'INVENTAIRE

Préface de Me. Félix Soray
Ex-Professeur de Droit Commercial
et de Législation Financière
à la Faculté de Droit de Port-au-Prince

COLLECTION DU SESQUICENTENAIRE

AU SERVICE DE L'ADMINISTRATION HAÏTIENNE

Imprimerie "LES PRESSES LIBRES"
Port-au-Prince, Haïti
1951
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Access to Sources on Law and Government: Digitized Legacy Materials

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Research Topics

• Social Sciences
• Humanities
• Digital Humanities
Challenges

• Researchers
  – Background
  – Discovery tools

• Libraries
  – Providing access
  – Discovery tools

• Publishers
  – Focus
Trends for new material

• Non-U.S. gazettes
• British legal manuscripts
• Pre-Soviet Russian legal materials
• Chinese legal codes and case law
Other trends

- NGO and IGO materials
- Municipal and state agency
- Special collections
- Gray literature
Case law

- HeinOnline – strong federal, state, and foreign jurisdictions
- LLMC-Digital – strong federal and English reports, but occasionally weak state reports (strengthening)
- LN Academic – strong federal and state (but text only, not images)
Trial Accounts

- LLMC-Digital – weak in this area
- HeinOnline – strong in English and American trial accounts, 17th – 20th century
- Gale’s MML – most comprehensive in English and American trial accounts
Statutes/Laws

• HeinOnline – strong historical collection of federal, state, and British laws

• LLMC-Digital – similarly strong in federal and British. State laws less so, but improving.

• Gale’s MML – municipal codes and state statutes a strength
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Research Access to sources on Law and Government: International Sources

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Overview

• International law and government sources
• Topics
• Challenges
• Opportunities
• GLIN
International Law and Government Information

- NGOs
- United Nations
- European Union
- IGOs

• Where is it?
Topics

UN
- Peace and Security
- Development
- Human Rights
- International Law

EU
- Finance/Economy
- International Law
Opportunities

• Aggregators
• Digitization
  – United Nations
  – EU
Challenges

Where to look?

Who?

Continued, consistent access

Maintenance
Global Legal Information Network

- Government agencies
- Statues, regulations, etc.
- Award-winning
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Accessing Government Information

- Shift from print to electronic access
  - 1994 – GPO Access launched in order to disseminate electronic government information
  - 2000 to 2009 – Number of copies of tangible publications distributed to depository libraries fell from 12.2 million in 2000 to 3.2 million in 2009
  - Today – Over 90% of federal government information is now born digital
“Born Digital” Government Information Issues

- **Access**
  - Digital divide

- **Availability**
  - Link rot; fugitive documents

- **Preservation**
  - Format changes; single copy problem

- **Authentication**
  - Vulnerable to alteration
FDsys: GPOs Federal Digital System

- Provides online access to over 50 collections from all three branches of government
  - Content typically goes back to mid-1990s
  - Not all government information is provided to GPO
- Seeks to preserve digital information for future access
- Authenticates documents with digital signatures
What Are Others Doing?

- **LOCKSS – USDOCS** (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe)
  - Harvesting and preserving all collections hosted on FDsys

- **University of North Texas CyberCemetery**
  - Archive of government websites that have ceased operation

- **Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects**
  - Projects digitizing tangible documents
Questions & Answers

Please join us for a discussion with our presenters.

Submit your comments or questions to the online chat.
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Upcoming Webinars

Text Mining Opportunities and Challenges: November 13

News: January 14, 2013

CRL Collections & Services: June 12, 2013

CRL webinars usually occur on Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Central Time
Upcoming Events

CRL Preconference at Charleston: *Emerging Approaches to Archiving Commercial Databases*
Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Charleston, S.C.
[http://www.katina.info/conference/](http://www.katina.info/conference/)

Annual Meeting of the CRL Council of Voting Members
April 19, 2013
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  CRL_Sources_on_Law_and_Govt_Webinar_Oct_2012

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