

International Law Fundamentals

International law includes the legal principles governing the relationships between the United States and other nations, as well as laws and legal information from nations other than the United States such as Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia. This quick reference guide highlights the international law resources on Westlaw and shows you how to retrieve relevant documents.

Laws of the United States and Other Nations

International law materials on Westlaw include laws that govern the international relations of the United States as well a variety of materials from other nations and international bodies. In each category listed below, a few key databases are highlighted. These databases and other international law-related resources can be accessed at the tabbed International Law page, shown on the following page.

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United States law

Statutes and regulations

The Federal International Law–U.S. Code Annotated database (FINT-USCA) contains statutes that govern the relations of the United States with other nations and policies of international concern. The Federal International Law–Code of Federal Regulations database (FINT-CFR) contains documents from the *Code of Federal Regulations* promulgated under statutory authority that involve relations among nations, especially those involving the United States.

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Treaties and international agreements

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Case law

Federal cases construing statutes, regulations, and treaties that concern the relationship of the United States with other nations are contained in the Federal International Law–Cases database (FINT-CS).

Secondary sources

The International Law–Law Reviews, Texts, and Bar Journals database (INT-TP) includes analytical texts, law reviews, and legal periodicals that discuss international law issues.

Laws from other nations and multinational materials

Westlaw includes databases that contain laws or law-related information from nations other than the United States. A large collection of European Union materials is available. To access a database, click a link in the appropriate section of the International Law page, e.g., *EU Materials*. You can also access multinational databases that include tribunal decisions, treaties, patent and trademark information, environmental regulations, and other materials. Click a link in the *Multinational Materials* section to access a database or list of databases.

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