



POLAND



The Republic of Poland is a civil law jurisdiction and a unitary state.

Most of the hardcopy materials concerning Polish law are located on the 4th floor of the Law Library at the call numbers beginning **KKP**. Good overviews of Polish law and the Polish legal system can be found in the following sources:

T. Reynolds & A. Flores, *Foreign Law: Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legislation in Jurisdictions of the World v. IIB* (Reference K38 R49 1989)

A.P. Blaustein & G.H. Flanz, *Constitutions of the Countries of the World: A Series of Updated Texts v. XV* (K3157 A2 B58 1971). Contains the text of the April 2nd, 1997 Constitution in English and Polish.

B. Kordasiewicz, *International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law, v.1 National Reports, Poland* (Reference K530 I5)

K.R. Redden, *Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia, v.8* (K530 M62 1984).

Intellectual Property: Eastern Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States v.3 (K1401 I556). Contains the following pamphlets: Patent Law, Law on Trademarks, Copyright and Neighboring Rights Law, Industrial Property Law, Law on the Protection of Topographies of Integrated Circuits, and Law on Inventive Activity.

D. Campbell, *World Intellectual Property Rights and Remedies v.4* (Laws with Commentary) (K1401 W675). Contains an overview of Polish IP law together with the following English translations: Copyright and Neighboring Rights Law, and Industrial Property Law.

A. Kritzer, *International Contract Manual* (K1031 I573 1990). Approximately 20-page Country Handbook on Polish contract principles and doing business in Poland.

Portals for International and Comparative Law

Hieros Gamos: <http://www.hg.org/>

Legal Information Institute (LII): <http://www.law.cornell.edu/world/>

Legal & Business Guides

CIA World Fact Book: <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/pl.html>

Doing Business in Poland: <http://www.polandembassy.org/Business/p5-1.htm>

Internet Law Library: <http://www.lectlaw.com/inll/181.htm>

Investing In Poland: <http://www.paiz.gov.pl/index.html>

Guide to Law Online - Poland: <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/poland.html>

LLRX Overview of Polish Law: <http://www.llrx.com/features/polish.htm>

NYU East European Constitutional Review – Poland:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/eecr/bycountryrefs/poland.html>

Portals to the World – Poland:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/european/poland/pl.html>

State Dep't Background Note: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2875.htm>

U.S. Dep't of Commerce: <http://www.buyusa.gov/poland/en/>

WorldLII: <http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/2250.html>

Constitution:

Current Constitution in English:

http://www.poland.pl/info/information_about_poland/constitution.htm

May 3, 1791 Constitution: <http://www.polishconstitution.org/index1.html>

Earlier Versions of the Constitution:

<http://oncampus.richmond.edu/~jjones//confinder/polan.htm>

Legislative

Sejm (lower chamber of Parliament): <http://www.sejm.gov.pl/english.html>

Senate: <http://www.senat.gov.pl/indexe.htm>

Selected Laws: <http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/2937.html>

Civil Code (Polish only):

http://www.rzeczpospolita.pl/prawo/doc/Kcywilny/kc_spis_tresci.html

Penal Code (Polish only):

http://www.rzeczpospolita.pl/prawo/doc/Kkarny/spis_tresci.html

Executive

President: <http://www.president.pl/x.node?id=479>

Ministry of Justice (Polish only): <http://www.ms.gov.pl/>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.msz.gov.pl/index.php?document=2>

Chancellery of the Prime Minister: <http://www.kprm.gov.pl/english/index.html>

National Bank: <http://www.nbp.pl/>

Judicial

Supreme Court (decisions only in Polish): <http://www.sn.pl/english/index.html>

Constitutional Tribunal: <http://www.trybunal.gov.pl/eng/index.htm>

Decisions of the tribunal in English:

http://www.trybunal.gov.pl/eng/Judicial_Decisions/TOC_judicial_decisions.htm

National Judiciary Council: <http://www.krs.pl/>

International Court of Arbitration: <http://www.msa.pl/cms/?id=72>

Professional Organizations

Polish Bar: http://www.adwokatura.pl/english_ver.htm

Chamber of Legal Advisors (Polish only): <http://www.radca.prawny.lex.pl/kirp.xml>

Commercial Law Center Foundation: <http://www.prawo.org.pl/?lang=en>

European Integration

Office of the Committee for European Integration:

<http://www2.ukie.gov.pl/www/en.nsf/DocByNews?Open&Count=-1&RestrictToCategory=Current%20news%3ePress%20releases>

Human Rights

U.S. Department of State Report: <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2005/61668.htm>

Commerical Databases

LEX (Legal Information System): <http://www.lex.pl/>

Lex Polonica Online (Polish only): <http://www.lexpolonica.pl/>

Legal Publishers

ABC Publishing House: <http://www.abc.com.pl/>

Tepis Publishing House: <http://www.polishlaw.com.pl/>

Law Schools

Adam Mickiewicz University: <http://www.guide.amu.edu.pl/law/index.htm>

Catholic University of Lublin: <http://www.kul.lublin.pl/admin/dwz/uk/major01.html>

Jagiellonian University: <http://www.uj.edu.pl/index.en.html>

Nicolaus Copernicus University: <http://www.uni.torun.pl/en/>

University of Gdansk: <http://prawo.univ.gda.pl/wydzial/eng/>

Warsaw University: <http://www.wpia.uw.edu.pl/en/index.php>

Wroclaw University: <http://prawo.uni.wroc.pl/>