Foreign Legal Materials Collection
Development Summary

In order to expand the library’s collection of foreign law materials for comparative study and other purposes, the library has identified “core jurisdictions”, selected from the World’s regions (North America, Latin America, Western/Eastern Europe, Middle East/African, and Asian/Pacific Rim) that represent a variety of legal traditions. These countries include:

**North America** - Canada and Mexico
**South America** - Argentina and Brazil
**Western Europe** - European Union (Super National), France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom
**Eastern Europe** - Poland and Russia
**Middle East/African** - Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Egypt and South Africa
**Asian/Pacific Rim** - Australia, China, India, Japan and New Zealand

The selection process for these national states mirrors the library’s “core states” approach to collecting state materials. While the library is not limited to collecting material room only core jurisdictions, for each core jurisdiction the selectors will attempt to acquire a defined set of basic materials, for example:

- Legal research guides (all nations)
- Introductory law guides (all nations)
- Dictionaries
- Legal encyclopedias (if available)
- Legal citation guides
• Basic treatises
• Primary materials for selected core jurisdictions (with Priority given to English language materials)

The librarians are developing each core jurisdiction at one of several levels. Selecting levels will vary between (2) Basic Information, (3) Instructional Support, and (4) Research, depending on the level of interest of faculty and students. Several jurisdictions will be targeted for Research to serve as example jurisdictions for instructional support and to encourage research in foreign legal systems.

The Director also consults with faculty to designate legal subject areas within foreign jurisdictions, such as communications law, constitutional law, human rights, labor law, torts, and trade law that are of particular interest to the law school community for research and study, and will focus on collecting these types of materials in many foreign law jurisdictions.