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## Spring 2001

### President's Message

Terry Seale

We have scheduled the next **SFALL** luncheon for March 22, 2001. We will meet at Greenberg Taurig in Miami. At this luncheon, the British Library team will be presenting topics covering **English legal resources, foreign patent resources, and The British Library's collections.**

This will give you the opportunity to take advantage of free access to one of The British Library's leading web services. The British Library has the best collection of accessible information in the world. It is used everyday by librarians, researchers, and business professionals in business and industry. The product is known as **inside web**.

**inside web** provides access to the entire British Library database of 250,000 indexed journal titles. 20,000 of the most current journals are further indexed at article title level and 100,000 conference proceedings at paper level. With daily updates, **inside web** provides a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary source for the information manager.

**inside web** combines current awareness and alerting tools with the significant document delivery services of The British Library.

Please plan to attend.

### SEAALL/SWALL Atlanta 2001

April 18 - 21, 2001

In April 2001, SEAALL and SWALL members will gather in Atlanta, GA for a joint annual meeting, **Southeast Meets Southwest: Librarians' Odyssey**. Pre-program offerings include a Lexis Mini-TRIAL and an Institute, led by Tory Trotta, devoted to integrating and managing print and electronic collections. Program topics include Working Relationships Between Library and Technology Professionals, Managing People, Nuts and Bolts of Delegation, Grantsmanship, and Public Records. For more details, check out SEAALL's Internet site at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/2001.shtml>



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# INVITATION

**Thursday 22 March, 2001, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Lunchtime Reception, Seminar and Database Access - FREE**

*You are invited to an **information seminar** and **afternoon reception**,  
including the Miami launch of free access to*

## **inside web**

an integrated current awareness  
and document delivery web service  
from

# The British Library

*Presented by Ian Leadley, Graham Drydale and Ed Chenoweth*

*Sponsored by SFALL*

*Hosted by Greenberg Taurig P.A.*

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You are cordially invited to an information seminar and lunchtime reception presented by The British Library and hosted by Greenberg, Taurig P.A. The afternoon will comprise of a series of brief presentations covering **English legal resources, foreign patent resources, The British Library's collections** and give you the opportunity to take advantage of free access to one of The British Library's leading web services.

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*Join us at this informal information seminar and reception.*

*There will be time for refreshments, questions and play.*

*Aimed at Library Managers, Document Delivery / ILL and User Services Librarians*

*Future staff training and information sessions can be arranged.*

## **Miami**

**March 22**

Lunchtime Reception  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**RSVP by 15 March to Ed Chenoweth**

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## **Location**

Greenberg Taurig P.A.  
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Miami, FL 33131

Confirmation and venue details will follow.

**GUIDE TO UNITED NATIONS  
INFORMATION**

**IN THE NSU LAW LIBRARY**

Rhonda Gold, Reference  
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Nova Southeastern University Law Library and Technology Center has been a depository library for official documents of the United Nations since 1977 and is the only United Nations depository in South Florida. As a full United Nations depository, NSU Law receives Official Records of the main organs of the United Nations, selected periodicals and the United Nations Treaty Series. The depository program does not include materials from the specialized agencies within the United Nations system (e.g. FAO, WTO, ILO, WHO, UNICEF and UNESCO). United Nations materials are located on the northwest side of the first floor of the library.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Following is a list of books in the NSU Law Library containing information about the structure, mission, documentation and activities of the United Nations.

*Basic Facts about the United Nations.* New York, United Nations.

Discusses history, structure and objectives of the United Nations. General introduction to the role and function of the UN and its related agencies.

JX 1977. A37 B3

*Chronology and Fact Book of the United Nations.* Kumiko Matsuura. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana, 1992.

An irregular supplement to the series *Annual Review of United Nations Affairs*.

JX 1977.A1 A5 SUPP 1941-1991.

*A Comprehensive Handbook of the United Nations.* Min-chuan Ku. New York: Monarch Press, 1978.

Contains basic laws, rules and regulations dealing with substantive and procedural

matters of important organs of the United Nations and its affiliated agencies.

JX 1977. C6123.

*The Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Agreements.* Edmund Jan Osmanczyk. Philadelphia: Taylor and Francis, 1985.

Encyclopedia of international governmental organizations related information including definitions of key terms, biographies and the descriptions and selected texts of major international treaties, conventions and agreements.

JX 1977. O8213 1985.

*Everyman's United Nations – A Complete Handbook of the Activities and Evolution of The United Nations During Its First Twenty Years 1945 – 1965.* 8<sup>th</sup> Ed., New York: United Nations, 1968.

JX 1977.A37 E9

*A Guide to the Use of United Nations Documents(Including Reference to the Specialized Agencies and Special U.N. Bodies).* Brenda Brimmer and others. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

Oceana Publications, 1962.

Explains structure of U.N. publishing and classification. Lists documents series, publications and indexes for each of the specialized agencies.

Z 674.N47 No.3

*International Information: Documents, Publications and Electronic Information of International Governmental Organizations.* 2nd edition. Peter Hajnal, Editor. Englewood, Colorado, Libraries Unlimited, 1997.

Comprehensive overview of international organizations, their documents, publications and electronic information.

JZ 4850. I58 1997.

*Introduction to International Organizations.*

Edited by Lyonette Louis-Jacque and Jeanne S. Korman. New York:

Ocean/AALL, 1996.

Proceedings of a 1993 AALL Institute on international organizations. Includes

chapters on using United Nations Documents, United Nations Regional Commissions, U.N. Bibliographic and Background Tools, and Electronic Sources of U.N. Information.  
JX 1954 .I57 1996

*United Nations Handbook.* Wellington, New Zealand. Ministry of External Relations and Trade. 1989-  
Annual list of U.N. organs and specialized agencies. Descriptions include functions, structure, current membership and activities.  
JX 1977 .A38

*UN Chronicle*  
Quarterly magazine containing a summary of latest activities at the UN. Updates the UN Yearbook. Current edition online at <http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/online.html>. Table of contents for back issues. Selected full text from 1983 is available online in Nexis, "News" Library, "ASAPII" file and on Westlaw, UNCHRONICLE database from 3/94 -.  
Print version from 1964 on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

*Yearbook of the United Nations.* New York: UN Department of Public Information (Co-published by Martinus Nijhoff since 1989), 1949 -  
Overview of year's activities; full text of key resolutions; references to major reports.  
JX 1977 .A37Y4

The *Charter of the United Nations* and the *Statute of the International Court of Justice* are included in each Yearbook. The United States Statutes at Large citation for the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice is 59 Stat. 1031.

#### SPECIALIZED UN SOURCES

*International Court of Justice Yearbook.* The Hague: International Court of Justice. The ICJ Yearbook provides general information concerning the Court's organization, jurisdiction, activities and administration.  
JX 1971.6 .A25

*United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Yearbook.* New York: U.N.  
The *UNCITRAL Yearbook* contains the report of the annual session of the Commission. Subjects Covered include electronic funds transfers, stand-by letters of credit, international commercial arbitration and international sale of goods.  
A/CN.9/SER.A

*United Nations Juridical Yearbook.* New York: United Nations  
Includes selected texts of documents concerning the legal status and legal activities of organizations within the U.N. system and legal opinions of the Secretariats of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations. Also included is a legal bibliography of materials published during the year about the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations.  
JX 1977 .A2

*Yearbook of the International Law Commission.* New York: United Nations  
This yearbook is a summary of reports and documents of the Commission. Published in two volumes, the yearbook contains the record of the Law Commission's current session, including the agenda, the report to the General Assembly and summary records of the meetings of the session.  
JX 1977 .A435

#### DOCUMENTS

The paper documents in the U.N. collection are either mimeos or Official Records. Mimeos are temporary working documents of the UN. Many mimeograph documents

are reprinted as Official Records, which are the permanent records of the major UN organs. The major organs for which we receive the Official Records are the General Assembly and its Main Committees (GAOR), the Security Council (SCOR), the Economic and Social Council (ESCOR), the Trusteeship Council (TCOR) and the Trade and Development Board (TDBOR) of UNCTAD. The library also subscribes to the Readex United Nations Law Collection and has mimeographed documents on microfiche from 1998 to the present. The microfiche are located in L111, the library microforms room.

In addition to the paper documents, we have the following treatises, which reprint documents using official U.N materials as the source.

*Annual Review of United Nations Affairs.* Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana, 1949- Reprints key UN documents reflecting the work of the organization on an annual basis. Comprehensive coverage is provided for the five key United Nations organs: The General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat.  
JX1977. A1 A5.

*Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders = Recueil des Arrêts, Avis Consultatifs et Ordonnances.* International Court of Justice, 1976 - .  
This is an official ICJ publication. Also available on Westlaw  
JX 1971.6 A3

*Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council.* Compiled and edited by Dusan J. Donovanich. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana Publications.  
The texts of resolutions are reprinted from the original United Nations documents. This 11 volume set contains Security Council Resolutions from 1946 – 1979.

JX 1977 .A3155 D572

*United Nations Resolutions. Series I, Resolutions Adopted by the General Assembly.*

Compiled and edited by Dusan J. Djonovich. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana Publications. The texts of resolutions are reprinted from the original United Nations documents. This 24 volume set contains General Assembly Resolutions from 1946 – 1986.  
JX 1977 .A3155 D57

*Yearbook of the United Nations,* listed above, includes the full text of key resolutions passed during the year.

UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENT SYMBOLS  
United Nations mimeograph documents and official records received by the NSU Law Library are filed in boxes in ranges 125 through 133. The documents are filed by the U.N. document symbol printed on the upper right hand corner of the piece. United Nations document symbols are a combination of letters and numbers which reflect the main UN body which produced the document, the subsidiary body (if applicable) and the session number. A slash (/) separates the components of the symbol.

The first letter(s) indicate the main organ of the United Nations to which the document was submitted.

A/ - General Assembly  
E/ - Economic and Social Council  
S/ - Security Council  
T/ - Trusteeship Council  
ST/ - Secretariat

Specific symbols have been designated for certain subsidiary organs of the UN. Listed below are symbols for some of the UN bodies whose documents are received by the law library.

CAT/ - Committee Against Torture  
CCPR/ - Human Rights Committee  
CD – Conference on Disarmament  
CEDAW – Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women

CERD - International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination  
 CLCS – Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf  
 CRC – Committee on the Rights of the Child  
 DP- United Nations Development Program  
 HRI – International Human Rights Instruments  
 FCCC – Framework Convention on Climate Change  
 ID-UN Industrial Development Organization  
 TD – United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
 UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme

The symbol after the first slash indicates which subsidiary body of the main organ produced the document. Some examples are:

/AC Ad Hoc Committee (A/AC.105 is the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space)  
 /C Standing, permanent, main committee (E/C.2 is the ECOSOC Committee on governmental organizations).  
 /CN Commission (E/CN.4 is the ECOSOC Commission on Human Rights)

The type of document is indicated by abbreviations. Examples are:

/Add. Addendum  
 / Corr. Correction  
 /NGO Statement by nongovernmental organizations  
 / PV Verbatim record of meetings  
 /RES Mimeographed text of adopted resolutions  
 /SR Summary records of meetings.

Comprehensive information about UN documentation and research is included in the United Nations Documentation: Research Guide at <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/>.

#### INDEXES AND FINDING AIDS

NOVACAT - Bibliographic information for many books and periodicals published by the United Nations have been entered into Novacat, Nova Southeastern University's online catalog.

#### *UNDEX* (1970 - 1978)

Served as the general index to UN Publishing. This index has a subject index, a country index and a list of documents issued.

*UNDOC* (1979 - 1996) Comprehensive official printed index of UN publications published between 1979 - 1996. Includes mimeographed documents, sales publications and Official Records.

#### *United Nations Document Checklist* (October 1996 – December 1997)

Documents are arranged by Document Series Symbols only. There is no subject, author or title index.

#### *United Nations Document Index* (January 1998 –

This index has a subject, author and title index. The above indexes are located in range number 125 on the northwest side of the 1st floor.

#### *United Nations Document Series Symbols 1946 – 1996 – ST/LIB/SER.B/5/Rev.5*

A guide to United Nations documentation series symbols.

#### INDEX TO PROCEEDINGS

*Index to Proceedings of the Economic and Social Council - ST/LIB/SER.B/E*

*Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly – ST/LIB/SER.B/A*

*Index to Proceedings of the Security Council – ST/LIB/SER.B/S*

*Index to Proceedings of the Trusteeship Council – ST/LIB/SER.B/T*

Published for each session, these are indexes to the proceedings and documentation of the four principal organs of the United Nations. Each volume contains an introduction, a subject index, an index to speeches and a numerical list of documents. A voting chart of adopted resolutions is included in the General Assembly and Security Council indexes.

RESOLUTIONS

*Index to Resolutions of the Security Council 1946 – 1996. ST/LIB/SER.H/5/Rev.1*

The Index contains a Checklist of Resolutions arranged by document symbol (resolution number), which provides date, meeting number and year, as well as a subject index.

Security Council Resolutions are identified as follows: S/RES/Resolution Number/Year. Resolutions are first published separately as mimeographed paper documents. An annual compilation of resolutions is subsequently issued as *Resolutions and Decision of the Security Council S/INF/*.

General Assembly Resolutions are numbered as follows: A/RES/Resolution Number/Year.

Resolutions are first issued separately as mimeographed paper documents and are reissued as the last numbered supplement of the official records as *Resolutions and Decisions Adopted by the General Assembly during its (session number) Session*.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

*Access/UN - Index to United Nations Documents and Publications.*

Readex/Newsbank  
New Canaan, CT.

NSU Library and Technology subscribes to Access/UN, an online database containing bibliographic citations of U.N. documents and publications, official records and journal articles published since 1966. Full-

text resolutions of the General Assembly (1981 - ), the Security Council (1974 - ), and the Economic and Social Council (1982 - ) are appended to their respective bibliographic citations. The Index supports access to the paper and the microfiche holdings of the Readex United Nations Collection. We have microfiche holdings from 1998. Access/UN Database is available from the law library's menu.

*UNBISnet* is an online index to United Nations documentation published since 1979. It includes voting records of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council. Citations to speeches made in the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council are searchable in the database. <http://unbisnet.un.org>

*United Nations Homepage*

<http://www.un.org>

The full text of Security Council resolutions from 1946 is available on the internet at <http://www.un.org/documents/scres.htm>.

The full text of General Assembly Resolutions from 1977 is available at <http://www/un.org/documents/resga.htm>

*United Nations Dag Hammarskjold Library*

Includes links to the UN Documentation Research Guide, Reference Guide, UN System Pathfinder (identifies major publication of UN organizations), Documents Alert (documents release within last two months) and UN-I-QUE (UN Info Quest), a database providing quick access to UN documents of a recurring nature that are frequently accessed.

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/>

*WEB Site Locator for the United Nations System of Organizations*

This web site provides access to the web sites of UN programs, the specialized agencies, autonomous bodies and other groups that deal with United Nations issues. <http://www.unsystem.org>

### *International Court of Justice*

The ICJ is the supreme judicial organ of the United Nations and is located in the Hague.

Only States (not individuals) may bring cases to the court, which is composed of 15 judges elected to nine year terms by both the General Assembly and the Security Council.

The official ICJ web site contains general information about the Court, basic documents, decisions, and other information. The site provides links to all cases and advisory opinions referred to the Court since 1996.

<http://www.icj-cij.org>

Can also link to the ICJ web site from the United Nations Homepage – select International Law.

Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders dating back to 1947 are available on the Westlaw INT-ICJ Database.

### *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law*

The ASIL site is an extensive listing of official UN web sites, and provides links to and information about other electronic sources of United Nations information.

<http://www.asil.org/resource/un1.htm>

### *United Nations Scholars Workstation at Yale University*

This is another comprehensive web site with links to finding aids, texts and electronic sources of information in subject areas including disarmament, environment, human rights, international trade and peacekeeping.

<http://www.library.yale.edu/un/index.html>



### **GET ON BOARD - LEGALENGINE.COM**

Carol Yecies, Information Services  
Manager/Collection Development  
Nova Southeastern University

When our law students aren't busy studying, winning Moot Court championships, or doing wonderful pro bono/volunteer work, they fill their "empty" hours with other experiences, such as building an incredible Internet site. Two of our students, Hugh Hedley, a May 2000 graduate, and Barry Goodman, a December 2000 graduate, have created *LegalEngine.com*, an Internet metasite and search engine.

*Legalengine.com*, (<http://www.legalengine.com/>) is a huge, icon-driven metasite of the best legal research, law related sites, and search engines on the Internet. The focus is on law, law-related topics, education, and reference at the college level and above. It was built to serve multiple markets, including lawyers, college and law students, professors and the general public.

Since it appeared, *LegalEngine.com* has been garnering awards. It was named by *PhillyLawyer.com* as the "site of the week" (March 26, 2000), selected by *USA Today* as a "Hot Site" (April 11, 2000), recognized by the *Scout Report*, a weekly current awareness publication that highlights new and newly discovered Internet resources (March 31, 2000), and demonstrated at CALI (June 2000).

The home page of *LegalEngine.com* is uniquely designed with point and click icon graphics. These icons are navigational tools, relying on pictorial suggestions, using American symbols mostly relating to the law or history, such as the scales of justice, Statue of Liberty, Congress, and various maps to link to the major categories of information. Many of these icons are

also used to lead to detailed sub-sites or clickable maps that make all federal, state, city and

county, international, and uniforms laws easy to locate quickly.

Another key feature of the home page is a left side pull-down menu. The topics in this menu act either as a support system for the icon groupings and/or a separate information source. Topics range from a general education section to a reference section, including the Blue Book online. There are also specialty sub-sites such as those for cyberlaw, environmental law, and intellectual property law.

Resources aimed at students include links to CALI exercises, outline banks, other law schools, famous cases, and audio and video of key cases with the transcripts and briefs. Students and practitioners will find useful links to state and federal statutes, court rules, and cases. Specialized materials include, but are certainly not limited to, international law, the U.S. Patent Database, the UCC online, online legal forms, and available U.S. law school online libraries and catalogues. *LegalEngine.com* has an online law journal called LegalEngine Journal which includes a section for students' submissions for publication in a student online journal. The site also has the capability to publish all online law journals in any language and hyperlinked pathfinders, including multimedia, audio, and/or video along with text.

Not content to rest on their laurels, Barry and Hugh continue to work on the site, adding links and material. They are planning to expand the sub-section areas to include Scientific Evidence and Real Estate platforms. So don't be left at the station; hop on board *LegalEngine.com* and ride on into this electronic ecosystem!