

BASIC LEGAL RESEARCH SERIES

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals

What is Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP)?

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals and Books (IFLP) is a bibliographic database indexing articles and book reviews from over 450 legal periodicals. The database is updated quarterly and covers 1985 to the present. This database covers international law (public and private), comparative law, and municipal laws of countries other than the United State, United Kingdom, and the British Islands. It is not a full-text database.

How do I access IFLP?

- Open your browser to the Law Library's List of Digital Resources at <http://www.law.fsu.edu/library/digitalresources.html>. Select the database from the list of choices. You are now ready to search using a basic search screen.

How do I search IFLP?

Use either the [Basic](#) or [Advanced](#) searching mode.

Basic Search

- Enter a word or phrase in the dialog box.
- Select *Anywhere*, *Subject*, *Title*, or *Author* options from drop-down menu.
- Click SEARCH.

Advanced Screen

- Select ADVANCE SEARCH for searching multiple terms and specific fields.
- Enter your search terms in the dialog boxes. Use one dialog box for each concept.
- Fields are displayed in the menu box. Select the field you wish to search for each one of your terms.
- Select Boolean operators (AND, OR, or NOT) between the dialog boxes.
- Click SEARCH button.

Tips for Searching

Wildcards (or truncation)

- Use truncation symbol (*) for searching stemmed variants of your term. (E.g. *constitution** will retrieve records with key term *constitution*, *constitutions*, *constitutional*, and *constitutionality*.)
- Use (?) to substitute one or no characters.

Boolean Operators

- AND – All search terms appear in the record.
- OR – Any one of the terms appear in the record.
- NOT – Excludes records with search term.
- ADJ – Search terms appear next to each other in a specified order
- NEAR – Search terms appear in the same sentence.
- WITH – Search terms appear in the same field.

Displaying Results

- Results are listed in a brief format.
- Select the **Complete Record** button to see complete bibliographic information, including descriptors.

- To return to brief display, click SHOW ALL RESULTS.
- Use the SHOW drop-down menu to choose *displaying all results, records available in library, records without duplicates, marked results*, or a list of *all searches from current session*.

Sorting Results

- To sort results, click CHANGE DISPLAY button, then the SORT radio button.
- Enter maximum number of records to sort.
- Select the field to sort on.
- Select the order in which you want to sort.

Locating Materials

- To locate the full text of the article, click the SFX symbol. This should identify the full text sources that carry your article.
- If SFX does not identify a full text source, you will need to search the Online Catalog for the journal title. The Online Catalog will determine whether the Library owns a print version of this title. If it is owned by the Library, note the Library Location (Law Library, Strozier, Dirac, etc.) and call number of your source.

Printing, E-mailing, or Exporting Search Results

- Mark the relevant check boxes to the left of a particular item in the results list.
- Then choose either E-MAIL, PRINT, or Save/EXPORT icon.
- If selecting PRINT, you will be directed to go to PRINT OPTIONS menu on the new page. Select print options and click PRINT.
- If selecting E-MAIL, provide an e-mail address in the dialog box and press OK.
- If selecting Save/EXPORT, choose the bibliographic software from the list of choices. (You will have needed to download and login to the appropriate software prior to this point.)