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## BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE (FIN292, 300, BA500)

### INTRODUCTION

Business law deals with the legal principles governing business, the legal system within which business operates, and the role of government in regulating business conduct. This includes contracts, sales, negotiable instruments, debtor-creditor relations, property, business organizations, and government regulation of business. Business Law (FIN 300) course of Department of Finance, Economics and Accounting provides legal principles related to Uniform Commercial Code; contracts and personal property and bailments; the law of sales, commercial paper; and secured transactions. Most print sources (such as books, periodicals) related to Constitutional Law are located on 4<sup>th</sup> floor & 10<sup>th</sup> floor in Houston Cole Library. Electronic sources (such as databases) can be accessed via computer stations on each floor.

### PRINT SOURCES

Books are important sources of basic information on a topic, providing necessary definitions, background information, and historical information. Books provide a foundation for research which can be supplemented by more current information from periodical articles. Books may also contain useful bibliographies which may lead to additional sources of research. When looking for books, consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings to select the proper term(s) to use as subjects under "Find Books (Library Catalog <http://library.jsu.edu/>)." The following table shows business law in the Library of Congress System:

KF560-581	Ownership/General	KF593-697	Particular Kinds of tenancy and leases
KF736	Trusts	KF812-959	Contracts
KF991-1000	National Banks	KF1146-1189	Insurance
KF1256-1257	Personal Injuries	KF1289	Malpractice/Professional Liability
KF1446-1535	Accounting/Auditing/Financial Statement	KF1600-2036	Trade Regulations
KF4755	Racial and ethnic minorities/Antidiscrimination in general	KF4758	Sex Discrimination
KFA	Alabama Law		

Other subject headings can be: Commercial law, Commercial law Forms, Commercial law United sates, Commercial law United States Cases, Commercial law Alabama, Commercial law China and etc. Some related books are:

*International Business Law: Text, Cases, and Readings* (Call Number: K 1105 .I58 2004)

*Business Law and the Regulation of Business* (Call Number: KF 889 .M355 2008)

*Business Law Today: the Essentials: Text & Summarized Cases--E-commerce, Legal, Ethical, and International Environment* (Call Number: KF 888 .M554 2008)

*Business Law: A Hands-on Approach* (Call Number: KF 889 .B48 2006)

*Law for Business* (Call Number: KF 889 .B28 2006)

JSU students can also use ALLIES (Alabama Libraries Exchange Services, <http://library.jsu.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?PAGE=dbPage>) to borrow circulating books from UAB Sterne Library, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Auburn University at Montgomery, either on-site with the student ID or by requesting the items through the library catalog.

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Current print issues of periodicals to which the Library subscribes can be found at the Current Periodical Section on 4<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> floor. Older print issues of magazines and journals, usually bound into complete years or volume numbers, are located in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor Bound Periodical Section. You can also use Library subscribed electronic databases (<http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/>) to identify articles on particular topics in magazines, journals, and newspapers. The following are commonly used databases for business law:

Database Title	Description	Full Text?
Academic Search Elite	Journal articles in all subject areas.	Yes
Business Source Premier	Journal articles in business, management, economics, finance, banking, and accounting.	Yes
CQ Researcher	Social sciences, economics, and political science.	Yes
Expanded Academic ASAP	Scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers	Yes
Business Full Text	Journal articles in business.	Yes
LegalTrac	Articles in all major law reviews, law journals, specialty law and bar association journals and legal newspapers.	Yes
ProQuest Databases	U.S. and international news sources.	Yes
Campus Research (Westlaw)	Federal and state statutes, administrative codes, cases, encyclopedias, law reviews	Yes
CCH Tax Research Network	Tax, accounting, federal, state, international and financial content.	Yes
Emerald Fulltext	Journal articles related to management issues in a variety of subject areas.	Yes
Omini File	Full text articles, page images, article abstracts, and citations from over 4,000 journals.	Yes
Patent and Trademarks	Patents and trademarks. Users must register and download the AlternaTIFF viewer in order to view these items. Registration is free.	Yes

Some electronic journals are:

*Commercial Law Journal* (Electronic)  
*American Business Law Journal* (Electronic)  
*Journal of law and commerce* (Electronic)  
*Commercial Law Bulletin* (Electronic)  
*Journal of Small and Emerging Business Law* (Electronic)  
*Houston Business and Tax Law Journal* (Electronic)  
*DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal* (Electronic)  
*Debt* (Electronic)

## OTHER SOURCES

*The Uniform Commercial Code* (Call Number: REF KF 165.A5 1968, latest version can be accessed at <http://www.law.cornell.edu/ucc/ucc.table.html>)

Related Titles from *United States Code* Call Number: REF KF 62):

Title 11--- Bankruptcy	Title 15--- Commerce and Trade
Title 16--- Shipping	Title 17--- Copyrights
Title 26--- Internal Revenue Code	Title 29--- Labor
Title 35--- Patents	Title 42--- The Public Health and Welfare

EEOC (U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission): <http://www.eeoc.gov/>

FTC (Federal Trade Commission): <http://www.ftc.gov/>

GATS (The General Agreement on Trade in Services): <http://www.gatswatch.org/>

GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade): Also available at <http://www.ciesin.org/TG/PI/TRADE/gatt.html>

IMF (International Monetary Fund): <http://www.imf.org/>

IRS (Internal Revenue Service): <http://www.irs.gov/>

NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners): <http://www.naic.org/>

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement): <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/Policy/NAFTA/nafta.asp>

TRIPS (The General Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights): [http://www.wto.org/english/docs\\_e/legal\\_e/legal\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm)