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## The Law Library has MoML

Last year the library purchased *The Making of Modern Law*, an electronic database and essential reference resource for historical and contemporary legal studies. This database allows users to trace the development of modern law in

Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States. This newsletter is dedicated to providing an overview of *The Making of Modern Law* legal database: its content, search capabilities, and research value.

## What is Making of Modern Law?

The *Making of Modern Law* is the most comprehensive full-text digital collection of British, Commonwealth and American legal treatises, covering 1800-1926. The database contains over 10.6 million pages, with approximately 22,000 individual titles. The majority of the works are in English, but there are also items in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. The content is divided into 99 separate subject areas

(based on the Harvard classification system), but is also identified (and searchable) by LC subject headings.

The collection covers the following topics: domestic and international law, legal history, business and economics, politics and government, national defense, criminology, religion, social and cultural history, education, labor and social welfare, and military

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## Preparing for Exams

The library has a number of resources to help students prepare for their mid-term exams: Hornbooks, West's Nutshells series, Aspen Publisher's Examples and Explanations series, Lexis Nexis's Questions and Answers series, and exams and model answers. These resources are available on reserve at the circulation desk.

Hornbooks are single volume treatises written primarily for law students and cover a single area of law in a coherent, explanatory fashion. The authors of the hornbooks are frequently the same people who authored the casebooks, and therefore generally cover the same leading cases and rules of law. They provide a useful background and context for class

readings and assignments.

Nutshells are a series of paperback books that cover a single legal subject in an easily readable format with less discussion of cases and more general explanation of the rules of law.

Examples and Explanations series use narrative explanations of various

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### November

Thanksgiving Break 22nd - 23rd

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday	7 am - 10:50 pm
Friday	7 am - 5:50 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5:50 pm
Sunday	10 am - 5:50 pm

### LIBRARY INFORMATION

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Detroit, MI 48226

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Fax: (313) 596 - 0245  
E-mail: librarynews@udmercy.edu

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justice. The main subgroups include procedural law, commercial law, constitutional law, real property, biography, criminal law, family law, taxation and public finance, administration of justice and administrative law, politics and government, and general studies in law. The categories and topics listed above encompass a broad range of analytical, theoretical, and practical literature.

The *Making of Modern Law* includes works from key legal thinkers: Bentham, Austin, Maine, Kent, Story, Holmes, and more; while

key texts include *Smith's Leading Cases* and *Addison on Contracts, Rights and Torts* (with their notes).

The majority of material is sourced from the Harvard Law School Library; Yale, York University Canada and Columbia University also made significant contributions to the collection. In total, there were 25 contributing institutions. As there is currently no one definitive bibliographic source for legal treatises, the collection is based on both bibliographic sources and advisor/selector recommendations.

### Finding Exam Resources

#### Exams:

Exam questions from 1955 – Spring 2007 are available in the library, located right across from the reference desk. They are black bound volumes, and are organized by year and semester. There are also a number of model answers (provided by professors) available at the circulation desk.

#### Nutshells:

The newest editions of the Nutshell series are available behind the front desk. Older editions of the Nutshells can be found in the stacks on the second floor.

Some popular first year Nutshells include:

<i>Contracts</i>	<i>Criminal Law</i>
<i>Personal Property</i>	<i>Real Property</i>
<i>Torts</i>	

### What is a Legal Treatise?

A legal treatise is a secondary source that analyzes or examines the law (usually either a specific law or subject area). Legal treatises include casebooks, local practice manuals, formbooks, pamphlets, letters, speeches, and more.

### The Many Uses of MoML

#### MoML as an Essential Resource for Legal History

- Legal treatises from the nineteenth century cover an immense range of practical literature produced during the century, from Sullivan's *History of the Land Titles in Massachusetts* (1801) to Keasbey's *Law of Electric Wires in Streets and Highways* (1892)
- The period from 1900 to 1926 includes the most significant and influential legal writers, trends, cases, and materials of the early twentieth century for both U.S. and U.K. law
- Titles on every conceivable topic: copyright, patents and trademarks, natural resources, torts, public property, religion, penology, military justice, and international law

#### MoML for Primary Historical Sources

- Provides source and background material for Victorian literature, and nineteenth- and early twentieth-century studies
- Society and morality (morality of the law) collection with specific titles including the following: P.W. Grayson's *Vice unmasked: an essay: being a consideration of the influence of law upon the moral essence of man, with other reflections, Summary of objections to the doctrine that a marriage with the sister of a deceased wife is contrary to law, religion, or morality*, and William Whewell's *The elements of morality: including polity*
- Criminology collection including histories of famous cases and debates on crimes and their punishments
- Research facilities to "track changing attitudes to a wide range of subject such as the marginalized, the police, Europe, the Whigs, women, prostitutes, and religion" (Quoted from *Making of Modern Law* website)

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areas of the law; and, they contain fact pattern examples of different areas of the law, questions about those facts, and detailed explanations as answers to the questions. This detailed analysis is more comprehensive than just an outline.

All study guides like Nutshells, Examples and Explanations, and Questions and Answers set out to explain the law in a much more straightforward manner than casebooks. Written in a less

scholarly manner than hornbooks, these study guides focus more on the basic issues, without providing detailed analysis.

Neither hornbooks nor study guides are intended to serve as substitutes for casebooks; however, they can be used effectively to clarify certain points of law, to gain an in depth understanding of various rules of law, and as guides when studying for exams.

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## Accessing the MoML Database

The *Making of Modern Law* database can be accessed in several different ways.

The MoML database can be accessed directly from Campus, and remotely, through the use of your library card. It is also possible to search MoML through the library catalog system, Murphy.

Below you will find instructions on accessing the database from Campus and Remotely.

To learn how to search MoML through Murphy, please refer to the guide at the end of the newsletter titled: *Searching MoML through Murphy: A Visual Guide*.

### MoML Search Types

- Basic Search
  - keyword, subject, author, title, or full-text
- Advanced Search
  - subject, author, title, full-text, person as subject, geographical subject, front matter, main text, indexes, publisher, place of publication
  - PLUS limiters: year of publication, body of law, topic, language, numbers of pages, illustrations
- Search This Work
- Browse Authors
- Browse Works

### Accessing MoML From Campus

Provided below are specific instructions for accessing *Making of Modern Law* from the student lab and staff computers.

1. Go to the homepage of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (In the student lab, this is set as the default homepage)
2. Along the right-hand side of the screen, click on *Subscribed Databases, etc.*
3. Click on *The Making of Modern Law*
4. Click on *Proceed* and begin your search

### Accessing MoML Remotely

Provided below are specific instructions for accessing *Making of Modern Law* from your personal computer.

1. Go to <http://murphy.law.udmercy.edu>
2. Click on *Search the Catalog*
3. Along the right-hand side of the screen you will see a link for *Access to Databases from Home* (it's right above *Return to Main Menu*) – Click on it
4. Click on *The Making of Modern Law*
5. Enter your last name and Library ID barcode (this is the number on your library card)
6. Click on *Proceed* and begin your search

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## Searching MoML Through Murphy: A Visual Guide

**Step I:** Go to <http://murphy.law.udmercy.edu>

This is the Murphy Catalog Homepage

Click on *Search the Catalog*

The screenshot shows the homepage of the MURPHY Kresge Law Library Online Catalog. At the top left is the University of Detroit Mercy logo, featuring a circular seal with a figure and the text 'UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY' and '1990'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'MURPHY Kresge Law Library Online Catalog' and 'School of Law' below it. A vertical menu of buttons is centered on the page, with the top button labeled 'SEARCH THE CATALOG'. A red arrow points from the text 'Search the Catalog' on the left to this button. Other buttons in the menu include 'Library Information', 'View Your Patron Record', 'Suggestions for the Library', and 'Books the Library should Acquire'. Below these is a section for 'Search Course Reserves' with two sub-buttons: 'By Course' and 'By Professor'. The page is decorated with horizontal lines of diamond-shaped icons. A 'Special Note' section follows, stating: 'The Law Library is grateful to the alumni and alumnae whose contributions to the Law Library Development Fund made the online catalog possible.' Below this, contact information is provided: 'Please send comments, suggestions, and inquiries to: Sister Colleen, S.S.J. colleen@udmercy.edu'. At the bottom, it says 'Revised: 2004' and 'Copyright 1998-04, The University of Detroit Mercy The School of Law and the Kresge Law Library'.



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**Step 3:** Type search terms into the search box

**Murphy** Kresge Law Library Online Catalog  
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Keyword(s) Author Subject Author / Title Call Numbers Start Over

**Title Search**  
(Word(s) in the title of books, journals, videos, recordings, fiche, etc.)

Click in the box, type as much of the title as you want,  
then press the ENTER key or click on the Search button:

making of modern law Search

**Examples:**

Appellate advocacy handbook  
appellate advo  
appellate

Keyword(s) Author Subject Author / Title Call Numbers Start Over

**Murphy** Kresge Law Library Online Catalog  
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

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**Step 4:** Search results will be displayed

The icons represent the material type: monograph, electronic resource, etc. **\*\*All MoML records will have an electronic resource icon.**

After you click on it, you will see a link for access to the MoML full text.

**\*\*It is also possible to do a title search for Making of Modern Law, and you will receive a list of all MoML entries (1818).**

The screenshot shows the search results for 'Coke, sir edward'. The interface includes search controls at the top and a table of results. The table has columns for 'Num', 'AUTHORS (1-12 of 28)', and 'Year'. The records list various editions of 'The Institutes of the Laws of England' and other legal works by Sir Edward Coke. Two red circles highlight icons: a book icon for record 3 and a globe icon for record 11. Red arrows point from text labels to these icons.

Num	AUTHORS (1-12 of 28)	Year
Coke Edward Sir 1552 1634		
1	The First Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England, Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton : Not The Name Of The Author Only, But Of The Law Itself :	c1985
2	The First Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England, Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton : Not The Name Of The Author Only, But Of The Law Itself :	1812
3	The Fourth Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England :	1986
4	The First Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England, Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton Not The Name Of The Author Only, But Of The Law Itself :	1853
5	The First Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England, Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton Not The Name Of The Author Only, But Of The Law Itself :	1817
6	The First Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England, Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton Not The Name Of The Author Only, But Of The Law Itself :	1823
7	The First Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England, Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton Not The Name Of The Author Only, But Of The Law Itself :	1832
8	A Systematic Arrangement Of Lord Coke's First Institute Of The Laws Of England On The Plan Of Sir Matthew Hale's Analysis ... :	1827
9	The First Part Of The Institutes Of The Laws Of England, Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton :	1812
10	A Systematic Arrangement Of Lord Coke's First Institute Of The Laws Of England On The Plan Of Sir Matthew Hale's Analysis ... :	1818
11	A Readable Edition Of Coke Upon Littleton :	1830
12		1822

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**Step 4:** This is the full record of the item that you have clicked on

Below is the screen shot of the record

To retrieve the full text article click on the link inside the record

**Murphy** Kresge Law Library Online Catalog  
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Start Over Export MARC Display Return to Browse Limit This Search Another Search (Search History)

AUTHOR coke, sir edward System Sorted Search

Record 4 of 28  
Record: [Prev](#) [Next](#)

Author	Coke, Edward, Sir, 1552-1634
Unif title	<a href="#">Institutes of the laws of England, Part 1</a>
Title	The first part of the Institutes of the laws of England, or, A commentary upon Littleton [electronic resource] : not the name of the author only, but of the law itself / authore Edwardo Coke
Imprint	Philadelphia : Robert H. Small, 1853

Click on the following to:

**Full Article Link** → [Full text online \(UDM Law Campus access\)](#)  
[Full text online \(off-campus access for UDM Law affiliates\)](#)

Edition	1st American, from the 19th London ed., corr. / by Charles Butler
Descript	2 v. : ill. , 24 cm
Series	<a href="#">Making of Modern Law (Series)</a>
Note	"Revised and corrected, with additions of notes, references and proper tables, by Francis Hargrave and Charles Butler, including also the notes of Lord Chief Justice Hale and Lord Chancellor Nottingham, and an analysis of Littleton, written by an unknown hand in 1658-9."
Bibliog	Includes bibliographical references and indexes
Note	Reproduction of original from Harvard Law School Library
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Note	Electronic reproduction. Farmington Hills, Mich. : Thomson Gale, 2004. Available via the World Wide Web. Access limited by licensing agreements. s2004 mtruns
Subject	<a href="#">Land tenure -- Law and legislation -- Great Britain</a> <a href="#">Real property -- Great Britain</a>
Alt author	<a href="#">Littleton, Thomas, Sir, d. 1481, Temures</a> <a href="#">Hargrave, Francis, 1741?-1821</a> <a href="#">Butler, Charles, 1750-1832</a> <a href="#">Hale, Matthew, Sir, 1609-1676</a> <a href="#">Nottingham, Heneage Finch, Earl of, 1621-1682</a>
Add title	<a href="#">First part of the Institutes of the laws of England</a>
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