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The Law Library Gets MoML

Our library is very excited to be offering a new electronic database, an essential reference resource for historical and contemporary legal studies; a database that allows users to trace the development of modern law in Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States

through its most monumental changes. 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,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Westlaw / Lexis Training	5 th
Valentine's Day	14 th
President's Day	19 th
Ash Wednesday	21 st

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

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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

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social and cultural history, education, labor and social welfare, and military 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

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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.

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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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.

Before the *Making of Modern Law*, many of these treatises were either very difficult to locate or simply unavailable. This database provides support for both faculty research and legal history curriculum by organizing these important works into one comprehensive collection.

Searching the MoML Database

- 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 the MoML Database

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

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

Westlaw / Lexis Update

Lexis and Westlaw training sessions are scheduled for two weeks beginning on Monday, February 5, 2007. Westlaw training is the first week, and Lexis training is the second week. Please sign up for both training sessions; available sessions are posted on the bulletin board in the library across from the circulation desk.