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## HEINONLINE: WHAT'S NEW!

Since its launching in 2000, the web-based subscription service HeinOnline has been continually adding new content. HeinOnline is a product of the William S. Hein Inc. & Co. - an American legal publisher which has been in existence for more than 80 years. HeinOnline's initial offerings were image-based articles from older issues of law reviews and journals beginning with volume one, number one. Now, issues of law reviews and journals from HeinOnline are available to within the past one or two years. The contents from approximately one thousand journals (U.S. and non-U.S.) are accessible in the HeinOnline **Law Journal Library** and are fully searchable by author, title, and keyword or phrase. HeinOnline is an excellent source for access to law review articles published prior to the early 1980's since coverage of these articles is limited on Westlaw and LexisNexis.

New to HeinOnline is the **Session Laws Library** containing session laws from all fifty states. Currently, session laws from 2003 - 2006 are available. Hein will update the digital content every other month. Retrospective material will be added going back to the Colonial period.

HeinOnline's **Treaties and Agreements Library** provides access to numerous materials such as official

and unofficial text of treaties, treaty guides and indexes, books, and other texts.

In addition to the **Law Journal Library**, HeinOnline offers several '**Libraries**' of law and law-related materials. The contents of these '**Libraries**,' like the **Law Journal Library**, are image-based and fully searchable. Among them is the **Legal Classics Library**. The **Legal Classics Library** contains full-text publications of the best legal writings of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The **Legal Classics Library** initially began with one hundred titles identified by Professor Morris Cohen of the Yale Law Library. Subsequently, hundreds of titles deemed "essential" by the Association of American Law Schools have been added to the **Legal Classics Library**.

Various '**Libraries**' containing federal materials are now on HeinOnline! They include the **U.S. Supreme Court Library**, **U.S. Statutes at Large Library**, **U.S. Federal Legislative History Library**, **Federal Register Library**, and **U.S. Presidential Library**.

The **U.S. Supreme Court Library** contains the full-text of all opinions as published in the *U.S. Reports*. As the *U.S. Reports* is the official case

reporter for the Court, it does not contain the editorial enhancements found in the *West's Supreme Court Reporter* or in the *United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers' Edition* published by LexisNexis. In addition to the *U.S. Reports*, there are books, periodicals and other materials about the Court.

The **U.S. Statutes at Large Library** contains the session laws as enacted by Congress since 1789 as published in the *Statutes at Large*. The *Statutes at Large* is not to be confused with the *United States Code*, the official publication containing the laws passed by Congress arranged by subject. In addition to the full-text of the session laws, the **U.S. Federal Legislative History Library** offers full-text compiled legislative histories of historically significant legislation enacted in the 20th century.

Administrative law materials are found in the **Federal Register Library**. The daily issues of the *Federal Register* are available from its inception in 1936 through 2006. Annual editions of the *Code of Federal Regulations* are provided from 1938 - 1983 accompanied by the *Code of Federal Regulations - List of Sections Affected* from 1960 - 1980. Among the materials in the **U.S. Presidential Library** are

publications such as the *Compilation of Messages and Papers of the Presidents* (Washington - Hoover), *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States* (Hoover to Bush, Jr.), the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (1965 through 2006), and the *Code of Federal Regulations: Title 3* (1936 - 2001).



## Researching Rhode Island Municipalities on the Internet!

Want to learn more about the community in which you currently reside or perhaps to which you plan on relocating someday? Well, rejoice as there is a great deal of information on the internet about the cities and towns in Rhode Island! Almost all of the municipalities have their own website with various types of information available. For a listing of the thirty-nine cities and towns in Rhode Island with links to each municipality's website, check out the RI.gov website at [www.ri.gov/towns](http://www.ri.gov/towns). Selecting the "More Information" link for each municipality will retrieve tax and demographic information, important phone numbers, listing of villages within the municipality, and links to other municipal websites.

Another valuable website for information about Rhode Island municipalities is that of the Department of Administration's Office of Municipal Affairs at [www.muni-info.ri.gov/municipalities](http://www.muni-info.ri.gov/municipalities). At this website, one can click on a link for a listing of municipal officials, the website of the

municipality, or a profile of the municipality by the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation. Categories of information available at the website are finances, forms, legislation, publications, state aid, and communications.

Various websites offer access to the charters, codes, ordinances and other documents of several Rhode Island municipalities. These websites include CompBase Inc. at [www.compbase.com/cityandtownlinks.php](http://www.compbase.com/cityandtownlinks.php), General Code Publishers Corporation at [www.generalcode.com](http://www.generalcode.com), Municipal Code Corporation at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com), and the Municipal Codes Web Library at [municipalcodes.lexisnexis.com/codes.htm](http://municipalcodes.lexisnexis.com/codes.htm).

For additional information about local laws and charters, consult the publication *State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations: Survey of State Documents and Law-Related Materials* by Gail Winson. This publication is available from the Law Library by selecting "Research Guides" from the Library's pull-down menu at the law school's website.



## Library News

### New TimeSavers International

Available from the Law Library by selecting "Research Guides" from the Library's pull-down menu at [law.rwu.edu](http://law.rwu.edu) is "Law of the European Union: A Guide to Selected Sources" (*TimeSavers*

*International*, no. 8). Contained in the *TimeSaver* are descriptions of general texts in the Law Library's collection, research guides on the internet, and EU-sponsored websites. Also described are sources on LexisNexis and Westlaw.

### New Rhode Island Statutory Code Publication

The Law Library recently purchased *West's General Laws of Rhode Island Annotated* (Stacks, KFR30 1956.A22). This multi-volume set contains the general laws of Rhode Island arranged by subject, the same arrangement as that of the LexisNexis *General Laws of Rhode Island* (the green set). Each statutory code contains histories of the sections, historical and statutory notes, and notes of decisions. Both publications also give references to *American Law Reports* annotations, the *U.S.C.* and law review and journal commentaries where applicable. The *West's General Laws of Rhode Island Annotated* also contains references to *Code of Rhode Island Rules* provisions, West's Key Numbers for use with the *West's Digests*, the legal encyclopedias *American Jurisprudence* and *Corpus Juris Secundum*, the practice sets *American Jurisprudence Proof of Facts* and *American Jurisprudence Trials*, and the forms sets *West's Legal Forms*, *American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms*, and *Nichols Cyclopedia of Legal Forms Annotated*.

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