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Searching the Catalogs:
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LRC Catalog

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• **Access:** You can link to the catalog off of the LRC’s webpage [http://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/](http://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/)

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Catalog Examples

  - LRC Reading Room KZ1120.3.U535

- Mexico and the law of the sea [electronic resource]: contributions and compromises / by Jorge A. Vargas
  - E-book

- United States practice in international law [electronic resource] / Sean D. Murphy
  - E-book volumes 1 and 2

- Restatement, third, the foreign relations law of the United States (specifically section 601)
  - Available on HeinOnline or Westlaw
Circuit Catalog

Because USD is a member of a library consortium called the Circuit, you can borrow materials from any of the member libraries which include SDSU, UCSD and the San Diego County and Public Libraries.

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Journal Articles
Law Journal Articles

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- **Google Scholar**: Click on Settings and add USD to your library links to access all of our subscription databases
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- **Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law**. Access through our Legal Research Databases page.
Non-Law Articles

- Copley Library Databases (e.g. JSTOR, Academic Search Premier, SpringerLink Journals)
  - Available through the Copley Databases page

- SSRN – Social Sciences Research Network

- Google Advanced
  - https://www.google.com/advanced_search
Starting points for UNCLOS, USMCA, and IBWC

See the LRC’s Resource Guide for International Law covering Treaties, Customary Law, General Principles, International Case Law, and Scholarly Writings

- Treaty text (1833 U.N.T.S. 397)
  - Available on HeinOnline or United Nations Treaty Series database

- Negotiating history
  - The most "official" source for negotiating history of UNCLOS is The Negotiating Process Of The Third United Nations Conference On The Law Of The Sea, in UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA 1982: A COMMENTARY, VOL. 1 which we have in print in the LRC. This set is divided by article in vol 2-7 so article 207 is in volume 4 with a list of UN sources and commentary for that article.
  - Also very useful is the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, Official Records of Diplomatic Conferences website.

- Secondary sources
  - New Directions in the Law of the Sea: Regional and National Developments
  - Mexico and the law of the sea
  - Search for journal articles for specific commentary on Part XII and Mexico's application.
United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) & Implementation Act

- **Official text**
  - Because the USMCA is so recent, it is not yet in an official treaty series, can refer to the **Office of the USTR's website**.

- **Negotiating history**
  - USMCA – A negotiation history timeline can be found in this [CRS report](https://www.cbo.gov/publication) as well as this page from the [Organization of American States](https://www.oas.org)
  - USMCA Implementation Act – For a negotiating history of PL 116-113 use our domestic databases [Proquest Congressional](https://proquest.com) and [Legislative Insight](https://legislativeinsight.com) which both have substantial materials on the negotiating history of the Act.

- **Secondary sources**
  - The [USMCA, NAFTA Re-Negotiated and Its Business Implications in a Nutshell](https://www.westlaw.com) is a West publication we own that summarizes the environmental protection provisions.
  - [CRS report](https://www.congress.gov) that discusses environmental protection generally.
  - Journal articles that discuss the no harm principle in general, though finding some relating to the USMCA may be difficult.
International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)


- Negotiating history
  - The commission has a very robust site=
  - https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/Minutes/Minute_320.pdf
  - https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/Minutes/Min283.pdf

- Secondary sources
  - Sniffing out Clandestine Water Pollution in the Tijuana River Valley
  - The 1944 Water Treaty and the Incorporation of Environmental Values in U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Water Governance
  - Recent Developments in Wastewater Management in the Coastal Region at the United States-Mexico Border
  - Innovation and Reform in Transboundary Resource Management: A Critical Look at the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico
  - A simple search on Google Scholar for IBWC minute 320 or minute 283 yields some good results.
Foreign Law
(statutes and case law)
The Foreign Law Guide is an essential resource in researching the laws of another country. For each country, the FLG provides a brief overview to the law of the country, laws arranged by subject, English translations, and scholarly commentary. Available through the LRC Databases page.
Foreign Websites

- Use Google translate!
  - To directly translate foreign websites instead of using the English ‘portal’ (usually a pared down version of the full website)
  - To generate keywords to search websites or Google in the original language.
The Bluebook Table 2

- Table 2: Foreign Jurisdictions provides citation and research help for over 35 foreign countries.

- Contact the reference desk for a 60-day free online trial at lrcrefer@sandiego.edu

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**Table 2: South Korea (p. 454)**

**(Civil Law)**

**Romanization**


**Cases**

Citation format: *<English translation of court name> [<court abbreviation>], <case number>, <date of decision>, <volume number>, <reporter abbreviation>, <first page>, <page(s) of specific material, if desired>]* (<country abbreviation if not evident from context>).

- Supreme Court (S. Ct.), 96Da47517, Sept. 9, 1997 (S. Kor.).
- Seoul High Court [Seoul High Ct.], 95Na1840, Sept. 18, 1995 (S. Kor.).

**Daebobwon (S. Ct.)** (Supreme Court): Cite to JP, GONG, or SCD, if therein; **Hunbeob jaepanso (Const. Ct.)** (Constitutional Court: court of original and final jurisdiction to determine the constitutionality of laws): Cite to KCCR, KCCG, or DKCC, if therein; **Godeung beobwon (High Ct.)** (High courts) and **Jibang beobwon (Dist. Ct.)** (district courts): Cite to Godeung JIP, GAKGONG, or HAJIP, if therein, adding the location of the court before the name.

**Specialized jurisdiction: Teukheo beobwon (Pat. Ct.)** (patent court), **Haengjeong beobwon (Admin. Ct.)** (administrative courts), and **Gajeong beobwon (Fam. Ct.)** (family courts).

**Sources**

Cases are available on the supreme court's website at [http://eng.scourt.go.kr](http://eng.scourt.go.kr). Print reporters published by the Court Administration:
Lexis and Westlaw
Westlaw

- Secondary Sources > Law Reviews & Journals

- To navigate by specific country, click on International Materials, then select one of the main six foreign jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, European Union, Hong Kong, Korea, United Kingdom), or select Other International Jurisdictions.
Lexis

- Secondary Materials > Law Reviews & Journals

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