



U.S. Treaties and International Agreements

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Heafey's reference librarians have compiled this list of resources for researching treaties to which the United States is a party. Be sure to note the specific locations listed below for individual materials.

1. UNITED STATES TREATIES: CURRENT TREATY SERIES

- **Treaties and Other International Acts Series (TIAS), 1946 -**

These are official slip treaties that are later cumulated in bound volumes and published as *United States Treaties and Other International Agreements (UST)*. As of January 2006, the most recent treaty available in TIAS was one signed in 1995. TIAS replaced the *Treaty Series* and *Executive Agreement Series* (below).

Call Number & Location: KZ 235.32 U55 (Microforms)

TIAS is also accessible in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*. Treaties from TIAS are included in the U.S. treaty databases on Lexis (INTLAW;USTRTY) and Westlaw (USTREATIES).

- **United States Treaties and Other International Agreements (UST), 1950 -**

This is the current official publication for United States treaties. It cumulates the consecutively numbered, individually paginated pamphlets first published in the *Treaties and Other International Acts Series (TIAS)*. As of January 2006, the most recent volume in UST contained treaties signed in 1984.

Call Number & Location: KZ 235.3 U55 (Second Floor Stacks)

UST is also available in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*. Treaties from UST are included in the U.S. treaty databases on Lexis (INTLAW;USTRTY) and Westlaw (USTREATIES).

- **United States Senate, Treaty Documents, 1981 -**

Treaty Documents contain the official text of treaties as transmitted by the President to the Senate. They are an official source for treaties that are not yet published in TIAS or UST. However, the Senate will not have consented to all of the treaties transmitted.

Call Number & Location: KZ 49 (Microforms)

Senate Treaty Documents are included in the U.S. treaty databases on Lexis (INTLAW;USTRTY) and Westlaw (USTREATIES). Recent Senate Treaty Documents (104th Congress, 1995 -) are available on GPO Access (www.gpoaccess.gov).

- **U.S. Department of State Declassified International Agreements Collection**

Because of the substantial delays involved in the official publication of United States Treaties, the State Department now publishes treaties on the Internet that it proposes to include in TIAS and UST. (See P.L. 108-458, 118 Stat. 3638, 3807 (2004), which requires this form of publication.) To access these treaties, go to

foia.state.gov/SearchColls/CollsSearch.asp, click the box by "International Agreements," then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Search" or "List All."

- **Lexis and Westlaw U.S. Treaties Databases**

U.S. treaty databases in both Lexis (USTRTY) and Westlaw (USTREATIES) include the full text of treaties from official and some unofficial U.S. treaty sources. Parallel citations to official sources are provided, when available.

- **Hein's United States Treaties and Other International Agreements: Current Service (KAV), 1989 -**

This unofficial microfiche publication includes treaties that have not yet been published in the U.S. official treaty publications, UST and TIAS. Treaties in this commercial series are arranged by KAV numbers, which are listed in the following commercial finding guides by the same editors and publisher: *A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force*, the *United States Treaty Index: Cumulation* and its supplement, the *Current Treaty Index* (below).

Call Number & Location: KZ 235.3 H44 (Microforms)

Treaties included in Hein's Current Service are also available in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library* where they are identified as "KAV Agreements."

- **United States Code Service (USCS)**

U.S.C.S. publishes some major treaties on selected topics such as international litigation, intellectual property, and air transportation. Treaty texts appear in a separate volume entitled *International Agreements*. In addition, the U.S.C.S. volumes that provide annotations for uncodified materials include annotations for selected treaties.

Call Number & Location: KF62 L38 (First Floor Stacks)

- **United States Code Annotated (USCA)**

The coverage of treaties in U.S.C.A. is limited to implementation acts. For relevant legislation, search the U.S.C.A. general index under headings such as "Conventions," "International Agreements," "Treaties," etc.

Call Number & Location: KF62 W4 (First Floor Stacks)

2. UNITED STATES TREATIES: HISTORICAL TREATY SERIES

- **United States Statutes at Large (Stat.), - 1949**

Statutes at Large was the official publication for U.S. treaties before 1950. Volume 8, Part 2, of *Statutes at Large* contains a compilation of treaties entered into between 1778 and 1845. From 1846 until 1903, the publication of treaties was irregular. From 1931 to 1949, executive agreements and treaties were both included. Volume 64, Part 3, contains a cumulative index of all treaties and agreements published in *Statutes at Large*.

Call Number & Location: KF 50 (First Floor Stacks)

Statutes at Large is also available in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library* (Click on <http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=ustreaties> for access to this library. Treaties from all of *Statutes at Large* are included in the U.S. treaty databases on Lexis (INTLAW;USTRTY) and Westlaw (USTREATIES).

- **Treaty Series (TS)**

Treaty Series pamphlets were first published in the 1800s. The *Series* included Executive Agreements as well as Treaties until the 1930s. Numbered pamphlets from 751 (1923) - 994 (1945) are available in the Heafey Law Library microfiche collection. Additional treaties and agreements published in the *Treaty Series* appear in the *United States Statutes at Large* and are reprinted in *Bevans* (below).

Call Number & Location: KF235.32 U54 (Microforms; not complete)

- **Executive Agreement Series (EAS)**

Executive agreements were no longer published in the *Treaty Series* (above) after 1929. They instead appeared in the *Executive Agreement Series*, 1 (1929) through 506 (1945). In 1945, the *TIAS* replaced the *EAS*. While the *Executive Agreement Series* itself is not available at Heafey, executive agreements that appeared in *EAS* appear in the *United States Statutes at Large* and are reproduced in *Bevans* (below).

- **United States Senate, Senate Executive Documents, -- 1980**

From 1946 - 1980, *Senate Executive Documents* contained the official text of treaties as transmitted to the Senate for advice and consent. In 1981, the title of this series was changed to [Senate] *Treaty Documents* (above). The Senate will not have consented to all of the treaties transmitted in *Senate Executive Documents* or *Treaty Documents*.

Call Number & Location: KZ 49 (Microforms)

- **Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States, 1779-1949**
(*Bevans*).

This is a 13-volume set which contains U.S. Treaties before 1950, including those that were never published in *Statutes at Large*. Volumes 1-4 contain multilateral treaties and agreements which are listed by date of signature. Volumes 5-12 contain bilateral treaties and agreements arranged alphabetically by signatory country. Volume 13 is the index to the entire set organized by both country and subject.

Call Number & Location: KZ 236 1968 (Second Floor Stacks)

Bevans is also available in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*. Treaties that appear in *Bevans* appear in the U.S. Treaties database on Lexis (INTLAW;USTRY), with parallel citations.

- **Treaties, Conventions, International Acts, Protocols, and Agreements Between the U.S.A. and Other Powers** (Malloy)

Call Number & Location: KZ 236 1910 (Second Floor Stacks)

- **Treaties and Other International Acts of the United States of America** (Miller)

Like *Bevans* (see above) these are unofficial treaty collections compiled by the U.S. State Department. *Malloy* (1776-1937) is a four-volume set with its own index. *Miller* (1776-1863) consists of eight volumes arranged chronologically. Although *Miller* has no index, volume 1 contains tables and lists of treaties included in the set. Only a brief provisional version of Volume 1 was ever published, and the Heafey Law Library does not have this "Short Print." However, *Miller* and *Malloy* are available in their entirety on the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*.

Call Number & Location: KZ 236 1931 (Second Floor Stacks)

3. FINDING GUIDES AND STATUS INFORMATION

- **Treaties in Force (TIF), 1961-**

Issued annually by the U.S. State Department, this index lists U.S. treaties and agreements in force as of January 1 of each year. The first part lists bilateral treaties by country and then by subject; the second part lists multilateral treaties by subject and indicates the parties.

Call Number & Location: KZ235 T74 (Second Floor Stacks)

Editions of *Treaties in Force* since 1929 are available in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*. Recent editions are available on Westlaw (USTIF). The most recent edition is available on Lexis (INTLAW;USTIF). The most recent edition of *Treaties in Force* is also available at the U.S. State Department website: <http://www.state.gov/interntl/>

- **A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force, 1982 -**

This commercial index to U.S. treaties and agreements is in two parts. The first part lists treaties and agreements in force as of January 1 of the year in which the relevant edition was published. It also includes a combined subject index for both bilateral and multilateral treaties. The second part indexes multilateral treaties by country and also lists the treaties chronologically. *A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force* lists treaties published in *Hein's United States Treaties and Other International Agreements: Current Service* and provides the KAV numbers used there. Editions of *A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force* from 1982 to the present are available in the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*.

Call Number & Location: KZ235 G84 (Second Floor Stacks)

- **CIS Indexes and Abstracts, 1971 –**

The Congressional Information Service indexes list treaties considered by the Senate after 1970. Treaties are generally indexed by topic, under their individual names, and under the heading "Treaties and Conventions." The CIS indexes provide access to Executive and Treaty Document series. CIS Legislative Histories are also available on Lexis.

Call Number & Location: KF 49 .C2 (Reference and Index Tables)

- **United States Treaty Index: 1776 - Cumulation**

- **Current Treaty Index**

Volumes 1-5, of the *United States Treaty Index* are a Master guide (in numerical order) to TS, EAS, TIAS and the KAV series, plus additional documents (AD) without TS, EAS or TIAS numbers but included in Bevans, Miller and Malloy; vol. 6 of the *United States Treaty Index* is a chronological index, 1776-1972; vol. 7, is a chronological index, 1973-2001; vols. 8-9 contain a country index; vols. 10-11 the subject index; vols. 12-13 a geographical subject index. Cumulation volumes are updated periodically and supplemented by the *Current Treaty Index*. The *Current Treaty Index* is also available on the *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library*.

Call Number & Location: KZ235.3 U58 1991 (Second Floor Stacks)

- **[CCH] Congressional Index, 1963/64-**

The *Congressional Index* is published for each congressional session. The tab in Volume 1 labeled "Treaties - Nominations" contains a list of the treaties pending before the Senate (waiting for consent by two-thirds of the Senate). Treaties appear in chronological order by the session transmitted and, since 1981, by the Treaty Document number. Check the

subject index if neither the session transmittal date or document number is known. Listings include references to reports, hearings, etc.

Call Number & Location: KF49 C6 (Reference and Index Tables)

- **Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library**
Use Hein Online to browse or search major treaty collections, publications and indexes.
- **Lexis and Westlaw U.S. Treaties Databases**
U.S. treaty databases in both Lexis (INTLAW;USTRTY) and Westlaw (USTREATIES), see below, include treaties from official and unofficial U.S. treaty sources. Parallel citations to official sources are provided when available.
- **Treaty Actions, State Department website**
Recent issues (1997 -) of *Treaty Actions* are available at a State Department website: <http://www.state.gov/interntl/> . This publication, which is currently available electronically only, provides information about recent treaty developments. In that respect, it serves the same purpose as two earlier, now-discontinued State Department publications: the *Department of State Bulletin* (- 1989; KZ231 .U55) and the *U.S. Department of State Dispatch* (1990 – 1999; KZ231 .U552; see also <http://www.state.gov/www/publications/dispatch/index.html>).
- **U.S. Senate Website**
The “Legislation & Records” link at the Senate website -- <http://www.senate.gov/> -- contains a “Treaties” link in the left-hand column that, in turn, links to information about treaties before the current Congress: “Treaties Received” by the current Congress, “Treaties Approved” by the current Congress, “Treaties Actions” by the Foreign Relations Committee, and “Treaties Reported” by the Foreign Relations Committee and awaiting floor action in the Senate. This Senate website also links to Thomas, which includes text and status information for treaties from the 90th Congress (1967) forward: thomas.loc.gov. The “Committees” link from the Senate’s main website links to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
- **U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations**
The “Legislation” link at the Foreign Relations Committee’s website -- <http://foreign.senate.gov/> -- leads to a periodically updated listing of “Pending Treaties,” treaties that have been submitted to the Committee and are still pending before it. Unlike legislation, treaties are carried over from one Congressional session to another. The “Legislative Information System of the U. S. Congress,” linked to from this Foreign Relations Committee website is Thomas – thomas.loc.gov -- which includes text and status information for treaties from the 90th Congress (1967) forward.

4. SPECIAL TREATY COLLECTIONS

- **Unperfected Treaties of the United States of America, 1776-1976 (Wiktor)**
This set contains treaties that were sent to the Senate but were not ratified. The U.S. was a signatory but the treaty never went into force for the United States. The treaty collection is annotated with analysis and legislative history.
Call Number & Location: KZ236 1776 U56 (Second Floor Stacks)

- **Extradition Laws and Treaties, United States, 1776-** (Kavass and Sprudz)
This four volume set compiles operative extradition treaties. The treaties are arranged alphabetically according to the name of the country with which the U.S. has signed the agreement.

Call Number & Location: K5443 A2 U683 (Second Floor Stacks)

- **Indian Treaties, 1778-1842**

Volume 7 of the *United States Statutes at Large* (above), includes a collection of Indian treaties between 1778 and 1842. From 1843-1949, the treaties appear in individual volumes of the *Statutes at Large*.

Call Number & Location: KF50 (First Floor Stacks)

Indian Treaties published in Volume 7 of the *United States Statutes at Large* are also included in the Westlaw U.S. Treaties database (USTREATIES). The *Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library* includes Volume 7 of *Statutes at Large* and the 18th and 19th Century Indian Treaties published in Charles Kappler's *Indian Affairs, Laws and Treaties*. Kappler's series is also available at the Heafey Law Library in print (KF8203 2004) and at the Orradre Library.

- **Tax Treaties (CCH), 1952-**

A loose-leaf service, this reporter reproduces the full text of U.S. bilateral income, estate and gift tax treaties, exchange of information, protocols, and other related documents on taxation agreements - all arranged alphabetically by country. Also includes model conventions (UN, U.S., OECD), official explanations, indexes, and finding aids. *CCH's Tax Treaties Reporter* is also available on the *CCH Internet Tax Research Network*.

Call Number & Location: KF6306 U552 (Stauffer Collection)

- **Lexis and Westlaw Tax Treaty Databases**

Tax Analysts Worldwide Tax Treaties on a variety of subjects are available on Lexis (e.g., INTLAW;TAWTT). From the directory, select: **Area of Law – By Topic > Taxation > Treaties and International Agreements**.

Westlaw's tax treaty databases are from the Research Institute of America (RIA) and Warren, Gorham and Lamont (WGL). From the directory, select: **Topical Materials by Area of Practice > Taxation > International Tax Materials – complete list**.

5. TREATIES ON LEXIS/WESTLAW

- The most inclusive U.S. Treaties database on Lexis is USTRTY. To access this and several other treaty databases from the Lexis directory, select: **Legal > Area of Law - By Topic > International Law > Treaties & International Agreements**. To access via the "Find a Source" feature, use the short name INTLAW;USTRTY.
- On Westlaw, the principal U.S. Treaties database is USTREATIES. To access this database, enter USTREATIES in the "Search this database" template or, from the Westlaw directory, click on: **All Databases > U.S. Federal Materials > Miscellaneous Federal Databases** or **All Databases > International/Worldwide Materials > Multi-National Materials > Legislation**.

- Both Westlaw and Lexis also contain treaties on specific topics such as Taxation, see above.

6. TREATY COLLECTIONS ON THE INTERNET

- A variety of treaty collections are available on the Internet. Most are not limited to treaties to which the United States is a party. However, three federal databases with U.S. treaty materials are: Thomas (thomas.loc.gov), GPO Access (www.gpoaccess.gov) and the U.S. State Department's International Agreements collection (foia.state.gov/SearchColls/CollsSearch.asp). In addition, various government agencies include collections of treaties relevant to their work, such as the Department of Commerce (www.export.gov/tcc), Department of Energy (www.pi.energy.gov), and the United States Trade Representative (www.ustr.gov).
- The Electronic Information System for International Law (www.eisil.org) is a source of information about international treaties and agreements, organized by topic. The United States is a party to many of the agreements noted there.
- The text of the North American Free Trade Agreement is available from the NAFTA Secretariat website: www.nafta-sec-alena.org. It is also included in the Lexis and Westlaw U.S. Treaty databases. Other international organizations of which the United States is a member also have websites that link to treaty documents: www.un.org, www.wto.org, etc.
- Two good sources of human rights documents are the Minnesota Human Rights Library (<http://www.umn.edu/humanrts/>) and Yale University's Diana Project (<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/diana/>).
- The Avalon Project at Yale is a good source of 18th and 19th Century treaties: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm> .

7. TREATY RESEARCH GUIDES ON THE INTERNET

- **Researching U.S. Treaties and Agreements** (Marci Hoffman)
<http://www.llrx.com/features/ustreaty.htm>
This recently updated guide is an annotated bibliography of print and electronic treaty sources, indexes and status guides.
- **Treaties** (ASIL Electronic Resources)
<http://www.asil.org/resource/treaty1.htm>
This research guide focuses on multinational treaties, but includes a discussion of U.S. treaty practice and a section on locating U.S. treaties: **Treaties on the Internet > Governments > United States**.
- Some excellent online treaty research guides are available from various law school libraries with large international collections: e.g., Boston University, Columbia, Georgetown, N.Y.U., etc. Use the search terms, <treaty research>, in any of the major Internet search engines.

Current Treaty Sources (Treaty sources still being updated)

Treaty/Agreement Source	Bluebook Citation	Indexes/Guides
U.S. Treaties and Agreements		
<i>United States Treaties and Other International Agreements</i> Official; 1950 – <i>KZ235.3 U55 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i>	x U.S.T. xxx	Treaties in Force ; available in print and on Lexis, Westlaw , and the Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force ; available in print and on Hein Online United States Treaty Index: Cumulation Current Treaty Index ; available in print and on Hein Online
<i>Treaties and Other International Acts Series</i> Official; Slip treaties; 1945 -- <i>KZ 235.32 U55 Heafey Microform Collection</i>	T.I.A.S. No. x	Treaties in Force ; available in print and on Lexis, Westlaw , and the Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force ; available in print and on Hein Online United States Treaty Index: Cumulation Current Treaty Index ; available in print and on Hein Online
<i>Senate Treaty Documents</i> Official; 1981 – <i>KF49 [S385] Heafey Microform Collection</i>	S. Treaty Doc. No. x	C.I.S. Indexes and Abstracts United States Treaty Index: Cumulation Current Treaty Index ; available in print and on Hein Online Available online at Thomas (thomas.loc.gov) and GPO Access (www.gpoaccess.gov), 104 th Congress (1995 --)
<i>Hein's United States treaties and other international agreements-Current service</i> 1984 – <i>KZ235.3 H44 Heafey Microform Collection</i>	Hein's No. KAV xxxx	United States Treaty Index: Cumulation Current Treaty Index ; available in print and on Hein Online
World Treaties		
<i>United Nations Treaty Series</i> Official; 1946 – <i>KZ172 U35 Heafey Microform Collection</i>	x U.N.T.S. xxx	Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General ; available in print and online at untreaty.un.org (password) Searchable on AccessUN , the Readex UN CD-Rom, and untreaty.un.org Microfiche and print indexes with Microforms (50 – 100 vols. per)
<i>International Legal Materials</i> 1962 – <i>KZ64 I58 Heafey Second Floor Stacks</i>	x I.L.M. xxx	Searchable on Westlaw, Lexis, and Hein Online

Historical Treaty Sources (Treaty sources no longer updated)

Treaty/Agreement Source	Bluebook Citation	Indexes/Guides
U.S. Treaties and Agreements		
United States Statutes at Large Official; 1778 – 1949 KF50 Heafey First Floor Stacks	x Stat. xxx	64 Stat. B1107; 18 Stat. ; Part 2 (List of Treaties; Index to Public Treaties); Searchable U.S. Treaties on Lexis, Westlaw, and Hein Online
Treaty Series (United States) Official; 1778 - 1945; replaced by T.I.A.S. in 1945 KZ235.32 U54 Heafey Microform Collection; not complete	T.S. No. x	Multilateral Treaties (Bowman and Harris) Index to Multilateral Treaties (1963)
Executive Agreement Series Official; 1922 - 1945; replaced by T.I.A.S. in 1945 Series not at Heafey Law Library	E.A.S. No. x	Multilateral Treaties (Bowman and Harris) Index to Multilateral Treaties (1963)
Senate Executive Documents Official; 1778 – 1980 KF49 [S385] Heafey Microform Collection	S. Exec. Doc. X	C.I.S. Indexes and Abstracts (1971 -)
Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America 1776-1949 KZ236 1968 Heafey Second Floor Stacks	x Bevans xxx	13 Bevans United States Treaties and Other International Agreements Cumulative Index: 1776 – 1949 World Treaty Index (Rohn) Multilateral Treaties (Bowman and Harris) Index to Multilateral Treaties (1963)
Treaties and Other International Acts of the United States of America (Miller) 1776-1863 KZ236 1931 Heafey Second Floor Stacks		Available on Hein Online
Treaties, Conventions, International Acts, Protocols, and Agreements Between the United States of America and Other Powers (Malloy) 1776-1937 KZ236 1910 Heafey Second Floor Stacks		Chronological list, alphabetical index, and treaty table in Volume 4 Available on Hein Online Multilateral Treaties (Bowman and Harris) Index to Multilateral Treaties (1963)
World Treaties		
League of Nations Treaty Series Official; 1920 - 1945 KZ172 .L43 Heafey Microform Collection	x L.N.T.S. xxx	Microfiche Index filed with the Treaty Series World Treaty Index (Rohn) Multilateral Treaties (Bowman and Harris) Index to Multilateral Treaties (1963)
Parry's Consolidated Treaty Series 1648 – 1919 KZ120 .P37 Heafey Second Floor Stacks	x Consol. T.S. xxx	See Index-Guides shelved at the end of the set: chronological (vols. 1-5); special chronological (vols. 1-2); part index (vols. 1-5)

For additional indexes, guides, and treaty sources, see earlier pages of this guide, Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library, and [The Bluebook: a Uniform System of Citation](#), Table T.4: Treaty Sources