

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH

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United States Law

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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TREATIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Treaties to which the United States is a party are found in the United States Treaties in Force database (USTIF). Treaties and other international agreements are also found in the U.S. Treaties and Other International Agreements database (USTREATIES). A variety of tax treaty databases are also available. See the Westlaw Directory for additional treaty databases.

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Practice Area Fundamentals

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CASE LAW

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SECONDARY SOURCES

The International Law–Law Reviews, Texts, and Bar Journals database (INT-TP) includes analytical texts, law reviews, and legal periodicals that discuss international law issues.

Laws from Other Nations and Multinational Materials

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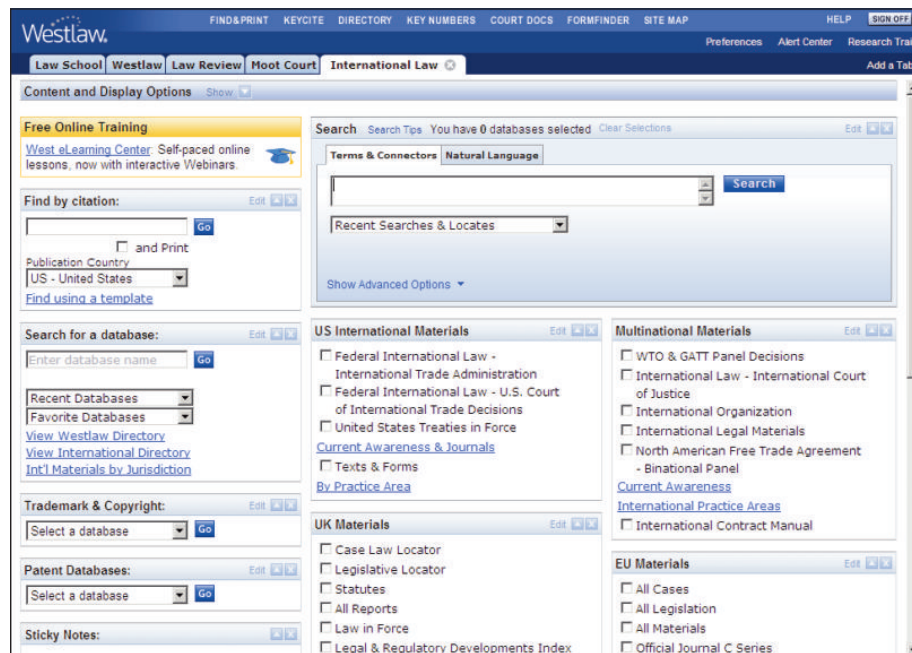


Figure 1. International Law page

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