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Extensive collections of case law

We have an extensive range of law reports from a wealth of jurisdictions. We are particularly strong on UK, Commonwealth, and US material and other foreign and international material – the IALS truly houses a Global Law Library of rich and varied legal resources under one roof. For example, what if you need a case from Singapore? We have a very good collection of Singaporean law reports, including unique material from the 19th and early 20th Century. Nigeria? Yes, we have Nigerian reports from the federal and state levels. We have extensive collections of Australian and Canadian material at both the federal and the state and provincial levels. Our collections go back as far as the 17th century, and in some instances, are even older. This is a tiny snapshot of the range, breadth and depth of our collection that we make available to members.

Rich and varied sets of current and historic legislation

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Wide range of legal periodicals and journals

We have well over 2,500 current serial titles (including law reports), as well as many older titles from a vast range of jurisdictions. We have a wide selection of academic and practice law journals, and can provide copies of articles. A particular strength of our collection is our public international law journals and year books. We also have a strong collection of commercial arbitration periodicals, as well as the standard journals on most legal subjects (and beyond).

Treatises and monographs

The library houses well over 100,000 treatises and monographs. We can provide extracts from almost any book in our collection. We have old editions so are able to provide commentaries on law at a particular point in time. We have a very wide range of academic treatises from all important subject areas for large numbers of jurisdictions. We also have major regularly updated loose-leaf works. The library collects many standard practitioner works both on particular topics and procedure.
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Searchable collections

All of our collections are available to search through the online library catalogue http://catalogue.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/search~S6. We provide lists of current serial titles and new acquisitions to the library’s collection http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/acquisitions.htm

Research guides

As a research library, our professional and experienced reference staff are committed to providing up-to-date high quality guides on the library’s holdings. These can be found on our website and are an invaluable aid to acquainting yourself with the depth of our collections as well as being a useful place to start your own research. http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/guides/guides.htm

Personal Access

We are always happy to discuss with current and prospective members the extent of our collection and the resources available, including library tours, open days and evenings, and training events. Membership of the IALS Library Legal Information Services entitles all staff of the subscribing organisation to personal access to our collections at our five-floor modern building on Russell Square. We have a large number of study spaces and computers, and Wi-Fi access is available throughout the building. There is a café serving hot and cold food and drink on the ground floor.

Events

The Institute regularly holds events and conferences relevant to legal practitioners, academics and information professionals, many of which are free and open to all. Please see our website for a list of events, join our mailing list, sign up to attend an event, and consider organising your own event at IALS. http://events.sas.ac.uk/events/list/ials_events

Leaders in the field

The IALS Library plays a leading role in the training of legal information professionals. We are at the forefront of legal information delivery, introducing innovative new services and technologies to bring legal information closer to practitioners and other users. We are part of a number of collaborative projects with other libraries in the UK and around the world. http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/projects.htm

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