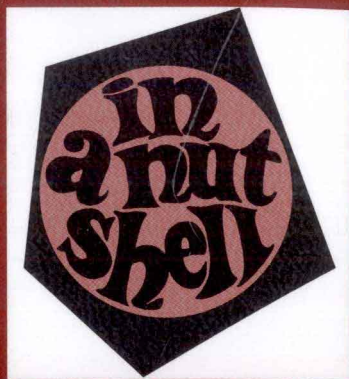


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PREFACE

This *Nutshell* is designed for the international legal research novice. We finished it at the very end of 2007—a transitional point in international legal research. Some people believe that all of international law is now available for free on the Web. Other people believe that the truth of international law lies only in the dusty volumes on a library shelf. We fall somewhere in between. Our goal is to discuss the best sources. We have focused on the print and electronic sources that are the most important, regardless of format. Most of the sources that we discuss are readily available to anyone with access to a law library or the Internet, preferably both. However, this *Nutshell* will no doubt leave some researchers wanting more or needing more in-depth research assistance. We suggest chatting with a law librarian about your specific research issue or checking out some of the books that we suggest which go into much greater detail. One such book was recently published by Marci Hoffman and Mary Rumsey, *International and Foreign Legal Research: A Coursebook* (2007).¹

As websites change and resources evolve, we will try to keep up with these developments on our companion website, <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/intlnutshell/>. From this site, you can access

¹ See <http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=18&pid=29350>.

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the websites that are cited in this *Nutshell* and learn about new stuff.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABA	American Bar Association
ASIL	American Society of International Law
CLEA	Collection of Laws for Electronic Access
COE	Council of Europe
C.T.S.	<i>Consolidated Treaty Series</i>
EC	European Community
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights
ECJ	Court of Justice of the European Union
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EEC	European Economic Community
EISIL	Electronic Information System for International Law
EU	European Union
EURATOM	European Atomic Energy Community
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

GATT	General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICSID	International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IGO	intergovernmental organization
ILO	International Labor Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization
ITLOS	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
LII	Legal Information Institute
L.N.T.S.	<i>League of Nations Treaty Series</i>
LSN	Legal Scholarship Network
NGO	nongovernmental organization
OAS	Organization of American States
OCLC	Online Computer Library Center
ODS	Official Document System of the United Nations

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights
PCA	Permanent Court of Arbitration
PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
RSS	Really Simple Syndication, Rich Site Service
SSRN	Social Science Research Network
TEU	Treaty on European Union
T.I.A.S.	<i>Treaties and Other International Acts Series</i>
TIF	<i>Treaties in Force</i>
TRIPs	Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UK	United Kingdom
U.N.	United Nations
U.N.T.S.	<i>United Nations Treaty Series</i>
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

UPU	Universal Postal Union
U.S.	United States
U.S.T.	<i>United States Treaties and Other International Agreements</i>
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organi- zation
WTO	World Trade Organization

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