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Law Library of Congress – About Us



*The Law Library in The Library of Congress
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- ❑ Pursuant to the Act of July 14, 1832, Ch. 221, 4 Stat. 579, the Law Library is a separate department to assist Congress, executive agencies and the judiciary. Only LOC's SU to serve **all three branches** of government.
- ❑ **Largest, most authoritative law library in the world: 2.91 million volumes** of primary and secondary law sources.
- ❑ Working reference collection of **30,000 volumes** of U.S. federal, state, foreign, and international legal and legislative materials available in the **Law Library Reading Room**, including extensive treatise collection. The Law Library's **Global Legal Resource Room Collection** contains approximately **23,000 volumes**.
- ❑ **≈ 90,000 volumes** of books and bound manuscripts issued prior to 1801 in the Law Library's **Rare Book Collection**.



Law Library of Congress – About Us

- ❑ The Law Library staff is responsible for developing the collection for more than 300 legal systems and foreign and international jurisdictions, and the U.S. states and territories in all formats.
- ❑ Many languages are spoken in the Law Library (*“mini United Nations” w/staff from around the globe*): Amharic, Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Tigrinya, Turkish, Urdu...
- ❑ 76 full time employees.



<https://blogs.loc.gov/law/2016/06/how-do-you-say-law-in/?loclr=bloglaw>

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<https://blogs.loc.gov/law/2016/08/how-do-you-say-library-in/?loclr=bloglaw>

Law Library of Congress – Mission & Vision

Provide authoritative legal research, reference, and instruction services and access to an unrivaled collection of U.S., foreign, comparative, and international law.

Achieve global awareness of U.S., foreign, international and comparative law.

The Law Library's focus is on:

- Providing support to the time-sensitive and complex needs of the Congress, the Supreme Court, Executive Branch agencies, courts, practicing attorneys, State bars, State and local governments, American businesses, scholars, journalists, and those with legal research needs.
- Improving availability, discovery, and preservation of our collections, and maintaining and strengthening staff expertise.
- Continuing with a long-term digitization strategy to increase access to the Law Library's collections, products, and services.
- Increasing free access to public domain US legal and legislative materials and to unique foreign law materials that are not subject to copyright restrictions.

Law Library of Congress – Our Internal Structure



Global Legal Collection Directorate (GLCD) - Collection Services Division (CSD) and Digital Resources Division (DRD)



Global Legal Research Directorate (GLRD) - Foreign and Comparative Law Divisions (FCIL I, FCIL II), Public Services Division (PSD), and Editorial and Publishing Office (EPO)



Office of the Law Librarian (LIBN)/Office of External Relations (OER)

Global Legal Collection Directorate (GLCD): Digital Resources Division (DRD) & Collection Services Division (CSD)

- **Collection Services Division's (CSD)** focus is on:
 - Acquisitions
 - Classification Project
 - Collection Storage: Compact Shelving Replacement.
- **Digital Resources Division's (DRD)** focus is on maximizing online access to the Law Library's products, services, and collection by leveraging appropriate technology and partnerships.

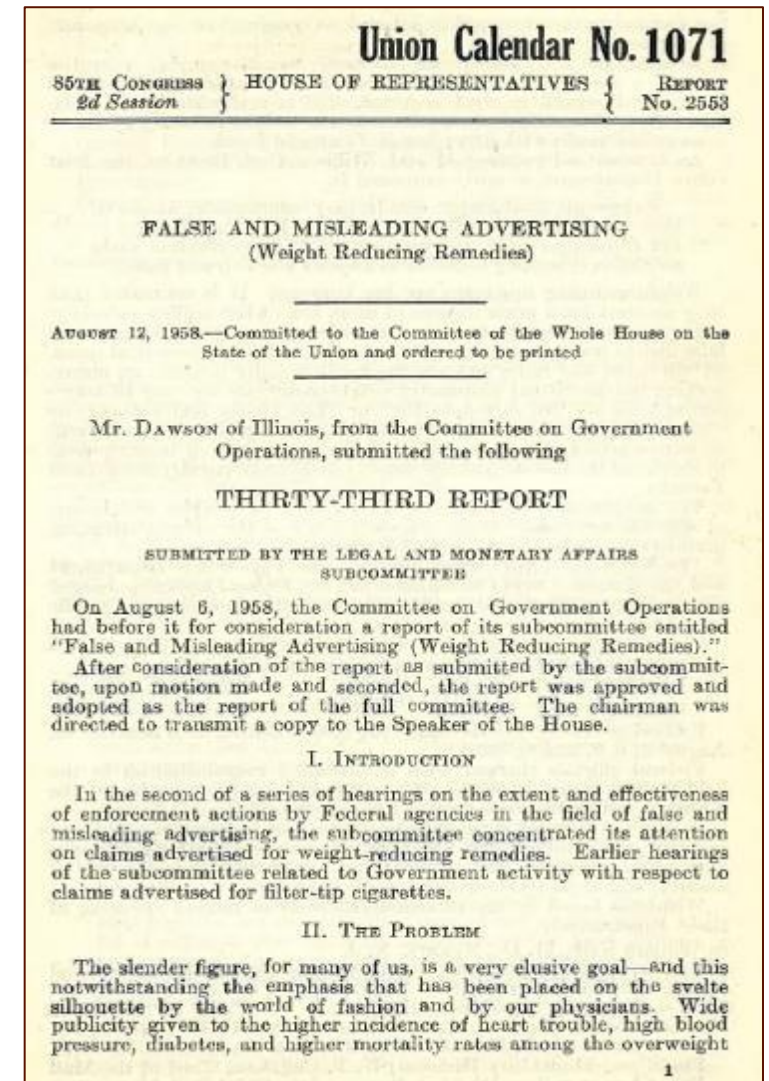
Primary tools: Law Library website, Law.gov, and Digital Collections through the main home page of the Library of Congress, Loc.gov.



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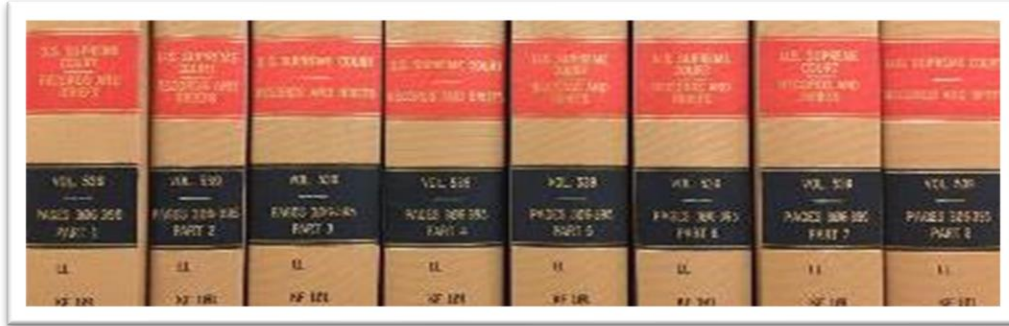
Digitization Projects (Selection)

- **US Serial Set Digitization.** LAW & GPO joint multi-year effort to digitize and make accessible volumes of the US Congressional Serial Set back to the first volume, published in 1817.
- **Foreign Legal Gazettes Database.** It captures entire LAW gazettes collection, both current and historical, for almost 300 jurisdictions.
- **Legal Research Reports Archive and Digitization Project.** Making accessible LAW's historic research on foreign, comparative, and international law topics.
- **LAW Crowdsourcing Projects.** Herencia: Centuries of Spanish Legal Documents & Historical Legal Reports from the Law Library of Congress.
- **NEW. Digitization of the U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs.**



False and Misleading Advertising (Weight Reducing Remedies). H. Rpt. 2553, 85th Cong., 2nd Sess., at 1 (1957) reprinted in Serial Set Vol. 12081. Photo by Elina Lee.

Digitization Highlights



US Supreme Court Records and Briefs

- During FY2022, the Law Library prepared to launch this project by inventorying the collection, assessing materials we wish to acquire to bolster the collection, planning a proof-of-concept pilot, and drafting a project plan.
- The inventory will continue throughout FY2023, and will guide the planning and costs of this decade-long digitization project. The initial subset of the collection inventoried were 4,866 volumes for the 2000-2012 terms.

Transitioned to a new subset of the inventory (the years 1980-1999) on 12/5/22.

US Congressional Serial Set

- The LLOC initiative to digitize the US Congressional Serial Set, in collaboration with the US Government Publishing Office, has begun its fourth year.
- For FY2022, APG was to prepare 3,000 volumes for digitization, but the goal was impressively exceeded – the final number of volumes was 4,777.
- Since the project launched through FY 2022: 11,369 Serial Set volumes were evaluated and selected for digitization (72.15% of the total volumes.)

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Global Legal Research Directorate (GLRD)



Global Legal Research Directorate (GLRD) - Foreign and Comparative Law Divisions (FCIL I, FCIL II):
Foreign Legal Research

Global Legal Research Directorate (GLRD) – Editorial and Publishing Office:

Editorial Review of Print and Web Products; Publishing Research Products in All Formats: Print/Tangible and Digital

Global Legal Research Directorate (GLRD) - Public Services Division (PSD):
**Public Reading Room;
Research & Reference Services**

Law Library's Global Legal Research Directorate (GLRD)

- **Reference librarians.** Provide reference assistance and research guidance on legal and legislative research for all users; teach webinar and in-person classes on legal research for congressional staff and the public; perform research for Congress and federal agencies.
- **Foreign law specialists.** Prepare reports for Congress, provide expert testimony at congressional hearings, and build the foreign law collections; may be consulted by public users for reference assistance.
- Each year, GLRD staff create 350-400 in-depth research reports for Congress and answer between 1,200 and 1,500 Congressional reference questions on U.S. law and legislation.



GLRD staff in action

- **GLRD Publication, Global Legal Monitor.** New (multiple) articles published daily. Selection of major legal developments in jurisdictions around the world. Browse and search functions.

GLRD: Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Divisions I, II

Foreign, comparative and international law (FCIL) reports, multinational studies, single-country reports, Global Legal Monitor articles and analyses, presentations, briefings, expert witnesses, etc.

Primary Jurisdictions of FCIL Specialists

- Argentina
- Brazil
- China
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- European Union
- France
- Germany
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Pakistan
- Russian Federation
- Sweden
- Turkey
- United Kingdom



Foreign law specialist Jenny Gesley testifying as a witness at the Task Force on Financial Technology's hearing "Digitizing the Dollar: Investigating the Technological Infrastructure, Privacy, and Financial Inclusion Implications of Central Bank Digital Currencies"

- U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services -

Examples of Multinational Reports

- Operations of Foreign Legislatures in Emergency Situations
- Requirements for Holding Virtual Civil Trials
- Regulation of Wild Animal Wet Markets
- Regulation of Cryptocurrencies
- Regulation of Artificial Intelligence
- Points-based Immigration Systems
- Approaches to Civics and Citizenship Education
- Government Responses to Disinformation on Social Media Platforms

Some of major research topics in FY2022 included:

- [investment migration programs](#)
- [economic espionage laws](#)
- [laws on abortion, genetic consultation, and assisted reproduction](#)
- [worldwide global Magnitsky Act legislation](#)



GLRD/Public Services Division (PSD): Law Library Reading Room

- Professional law librarians offer research assistance for U.S. legal and legislation.
- The Reading Room is fully reopened to researchers. Also ensured ongoing reference and research services through remote coverage.
- Provide assistance via Ask a Librarian.
- One of LOC leaders in publishing LibGuides, 240 at the moment and counting.
- **Hours:** M-F, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM & Sat, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM



Senior Legal Reference Librarian Ann Hemmens assisting patrons in the Reading Room

The Law Library of Congress's Legal Research Institute (LRI)

- Launched in early 2020, to create, consolidate and promote the Law Library's in-person and webinar-based courses, presentations, classes, trainings, and events:
 - For Congressional staff: Introduction to Legislative Research, Legislative History Research, Statutory Research, and Tracing Federal Regulations
 - Public classes: Orientation to Legal Research Series: U.S. Case Law, U.S. Statutes, Federal Legislative History, and Tracing Federal Regulations; Orientation to Law Library Collections; Foreign and Comparative Law Webinar Series; Congress.gov Orientation, and "Lunch and Learn" Series on selected topics.
 - Tailored briefings and presentations. Other presentations for Congressional patrons.
 - 'Past Presentations' archive available to patrons as well.
 - More information at <https://www.loc.gov/law/learning/index.php>.

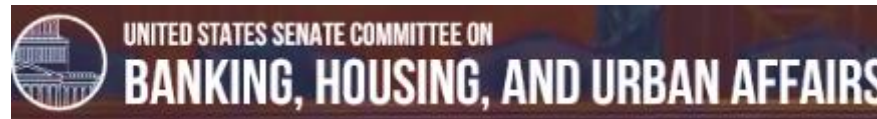


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The Washington Post

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The mission of the Law Library of Congress is to provide authoritative legal research, reference and instruction services, and access to an unrivaled collection of U.S., foreign, comparative, and international law. To accomplish this mission, the Law Library has assembled a staff of experienced foreign and U.S. trained legal specialists and law librarians, and has amassed the world's largest collection of law books and other legal resources from all countries, now comprising more than 2.9 million items.

Appointments are optional, but encouraged. To help us better serve you, request a [research appointment](#) to ensure collection material is accessible during your visit to the Library. Request a research appointment here. The Library of Congress asks all visitors to follow [our COVID-19 health screening protocols](#), which are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Office of the Attending Physician of the U.S. Capitol. For additional instructions, see the [Researcher Scheduling](#) page.

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An Antique Stenography Machine - Pic of the Week
Brammer, Robert

An Interview with Mary Searles, the New Hampshire State Law Librarian

An Interview with Milica Skaro, Foreign Law Intern
Goitom, Hanibal

Law Library of Congress Homepage

www.law.gov



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Researcher Resources

[Main Reading Room. View from above showing researcher desks. Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building, Washington, D.C.]

Research Guides

<http://guides.loc.gov/law-library>

- The Law Library is a leader in this effort to provide a consistent user interface for research guides throughout the Library of Congress
- Popular guides include:
 - U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs
 - How to Find Free Case Law Online
 - Compiling a Federal Legislative History: A Beginner's Guide
 - Legal Research: A Guide to Administrative Law
 - Public International Law: A Beginner's Guide
 - And many more...

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Research guides provide a starting point for researching legal topics and recommend relevant materials in the Law Library's collections and online. The Law Library creates research guides that range from animal and landlord-tenant law to instructions for compiling a federal legislative history. Established by Congress in 1832, the Law Library has a collection of over 2.9 million volumes spanning all systems and periods of law and covering all the nations of the world. Please note that although research guides are selective, inclusion of a site or resource does not constitute endorsement by the Law Library of Congress. None of the information in any of our research guides is legal advice. [LC Bibliographies, Research Guides and Finding Aids page.](#)

Have a question? Need assistance?

We provide legal and legislative research assistance for foreign, international, federal, and state law, and answers to queries requiring resources unique to the Library of Congress. View [FAQs](#) or use our online form to [ask a librarian for help](#).

[Ask a Librarian](#)

A screenshot of the Law Library of Congress Research Guides front page. The page has a grey header with two buttons: "BY SUBJECT" and "ALL GUIDES". Below the header is a search bar with the text "Search: Search this Group" and a "Search" button. Underneath the search bar, it says "Showing 200 Guides" and "Display Alphabetically" with a dropdown arrow and a "Go" button. A list of guides is shown, with the first three being "American Indian Law: A Beginner's Guide", "American Women: Resources from the Law Library", and "Animal Law: A Beginner's Guide". The "Animal Law" guide is highlighted with a red box. Red arrows point from a large red box on the right to the "ALL GUIDES" button, the search bar, and the "Animal Law" guide.

Research Guides

- Keyword search capabilities
- Browse by subject
- Scroll through list of guides and select icon for more information

Guide to Law Online

<https://www.loc.gov/research-centers/law-library-of-congress/researcher-resources/guide-to-law-online/>

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Nations of the World

Compilations of legal resources discussing the laws of nations, territories, and affiliated jurisdictions across all continents.

United States

Selected laws, regulations, court decisions, and secondary sources for federal government branches and all U.S. states and territories.

- Portal of over 9,000 links
 - Annotated compilation of Internet links
 - Organized by jurisdiction and topic
 - Multinational, U.S., and state materials
 - Full text of laws, regulations, and cases
 - Legal commentary

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Guide to Law Online: U.S. California

This guide, prepared by the Law Library of Congress, includes links to free online legal resources regarding California, focusing on its constitution; executive, legislative, and judicial branches; legal guides; and general sources.

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The **Guide to Law Online** is an annotated collection of links to free online legal materials and pertinent resources in the Library of Congress catalog, organized by jurisdiction. The Guide is not meant to be an exhaustive list of resources, but it covers all relevant research areas for each jurisdiction. Each Guide to Law Online jurisdictional guide is divided into the following areas:

- [Constitution](#)
- [Executive Branch](#)
- [Judicial Branch](#)
- [Legislative Branch](#)
- [Legal Guides](#)
- [General Sources](#)

This guide focuses on California, which became the 31st state in 1850.

In compiling this research guide, emphasis has been placed on sites offering the full texts of laws, regulations, and court decisions, along with commentary from lawyers writing primarily for other lawyers. Materials related to law and government that were written by or for lay persons also have been included, as have government sites providing general information. Although this research guide is selective, inclusion of a site or resource does not constitute endorsement by the Law Library of Congress.

If researchers have information identifying any online sources not yet included, as well as comments on errors or changes in addresses, conditions, or contents that warrant changes in the descriptions of these jurisdictional guides, please submit suggestions via the Law Library's [Ask a Librarian](#) form. The editors of the guide are grateful for your feedback.



George Eastl Stone, photographer. *Close-up view of the California poppy, Eschscholtzia californica*. 1925. Popular Graphic Arts. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.

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Onsite Classes

The Law Library of Congress currently offers two types of in-person classes: Orientation to Legal Research Series and Orientation to Law Library Collections.



U.S. Law Webinars

The Law Library offers several recurring series of classes regarding U.S. legal research, including: the Orientation to Legal Research Series (focused on introductions to legal resources and research techniques), the Orientation to Law Library Collections Series (which offers an overview of the Law Library's unique collections and services researchers can use to conduct legal and legislative research), the Lunch and Learn

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- Posts include:
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 - International law developments, written by our foreign legal specialists;
 - Current legal trends;
 - Legal history and arcana (inspired by items in our collection);
 - Information about additions and changes to Congress.gov

Databases & eResources

<https://www.loc.gov/research-centers/law-library-of-congress/researcher-resources/databases/>

Databases arranged by topic, with information regarding:

- Coverage for each database
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General

| Name of Database/Web Site | Description | Availability |
|--|---|--|
| Bluebook | Comprehensive guide to legal citation in the United States | Access for Law Library staff only |
| Bloomberg Law | Practitioner resources including, court dockets and documents, litigation analytics, sample forms. Secondary sources including Bloomberg BNA publications (current awareness sources and law reports), treatises from ABI, ABA, Wiley Press and others. Includes US federal and state case law, statutes, and regulations. Also includes BCite citator. | Access only available on one specific Library computer in the Law Library Reading Room |
| Gale Legal Forms Library | Includes thousands of state and federal legal forms, centered around the areas of business, personal use, and litigation, which can be personalized by users. | On-site Only |



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Sample online resources:

- *American Law*
 - Congress.gov
 - Congressional Record
 - U.S. Statutes at Large
- *Indigenous Legal Materials*
 - Historic American Indian Constitutions
 - Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties
- *Foreign, Comparative, and International Law*
 - Foreign Relations of the United States
 - Human Rights Library
 - World Legal Information Institute

Legislative and Statutory Resources

| Name of Database/Web Site | Description | Availability |
|--|---|--------------|
| American State Papers, 1789-1838 | Contains the legislative and executive documents of Congress for the period 1789 to 1838. | Free Access |
| Avalon Project  | Digital primary source documents selected by the Yale Law School relevant to the fields of Law, History, Economics, Politics, Diplomacy and Government. | Free Access |
| Congress.gov | Contains full-text of legislation from the 103rd Congress (1993) to the present and member profiles from the 93rd Congress (1973) to the present. | Free Access |
| Congressional Record | Contains the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress from Volume 140 (1994) to the present. | Free Access |
| CQ.com  | Congressional Quarterly, including Congressional Weekly, provides in-depth legislative news and analysis of the United States Congress. | On-site Only |
| Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) | U.S. Department of State site presenting the official documentary historical record of major United States foreign policy decisions and significant diplomatic activity, primarily covering 1945 to 1980. | Free Access |
| Guide to Law Online | Vast network of links to content-based Web sites of primary and secondary legal information from foreign jurisdictions and all U.S. federal, state and territorial government entities. | Free Access |
| Historical American Indian | Digital copies of historical American Indian constitutions and | Free Access |

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■ Digitized Material

- *U.S. Statutes at Large* (1789-1950)
- *U.S. Code* (1925-1988, plus suppl.)
- *U.S. Reports*
- *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (1938-1995)
- *Federal Register* (1936-1993)
- *U.S. Treaty Series*, compiled by Charles I. Bevans (1776-1945)
- *U.S. Treaties and Other International Agreements (TIAS)* (1950-1984)
- American Indian Constitutions and Legal Materials

■ Rare Book Collections

- Summaries of Special Collections in print
- Links to videos, blog posts, articles, etc., that discuss collection highlights and history

■ Web Archives

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Rare Book Services

Rare book service is available on weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Access to rare materials is by appointment only. For further information, contact Mr. Nathan Dorn, Rare Book Librarian, at ndor@loc.gov or 202-707-3803.

Selected Special Collections

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- More information about our rare items can be found on our “Rare Books Collection” site
- Also, some items in the catalog may list “Rare Books – Law Library Reading Room” in the “Item Availability” box
- To request these materials, contact our Rare Book Curator, Nathan Dorn:
 - E-mail: ndor@loc.gov

U.S. Reports – Sample Collection Page

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March 5, 2018 by Jim Martin



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Contributor: Gutierrez, Norma

Date: 2016-01-11

ARTICLE

Guatemala / Mexico: Agreement to Cooperate on Labor Matters Published

(Feb. 7, 2019) On January 24, 2019, Guatemala published in its official gazette, Diario de Centro América, the bilateral Agreement on Cooperation in Labor Matters it signed with Mexico in Geneva on June 6, 2018. (Agreement on Cooperation in Labor Matters

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Austria: Reform of Social Security System Enters into Force

(Jan. 29, 2020) On January 1, 2020, a [reform](#) of the social security system that merged the existing health insurance institutions took effect in Austria. The new system, adopted by the Austrian Parliament in 2019, consists of [five social security institutions](#), with district health insurance funds and occupational health insurance funds being combined into one national Austrian Health Fund (Österreichische Gesundheitskasse). The reform is [intended to](#) streamline reimbursement for services across Austria, save on administrative costs, and provide people across the country with the same services.

Background

Social security in Austria is [composed of](#) health, accident, and pension insurance. Health insurance is compulsory, resulting in [almost universal coverage](#) (99.9%) of the population. [Domestic employees, self-employed persons, and retirees](#) are automatically insured. [Unemployed persons](#) are also included in the coverage under the same conditions as salaried employees.

Even though health insurance in Austria is organized under public law, it is not directly [administered](#) by the federal and state authorities, but rather by an independent body with legal personality—the statutory health insurance institution ([Träger der Krankenversicherung](#)). [Before the reform](#), there used to be nine district health insurance funds ([Gebietskrankenkassen](#)) serving the nine Austrian states, five occupational health insurance funds ([Betriebskrankenkassen](#)), and several specialized health insurance funds for certain groups. Employees were not able to choose their own health insurance; they received insurance from the institution that served the region in which they worked. The reform process was started on April 1, 2019. The reform consolidates the formerly separate health insurance funds into a single institution, the Austrian Health Fund.

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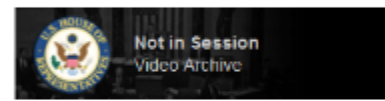
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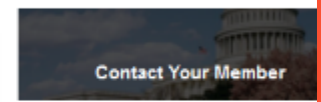
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- U.S. District Court Nominees Confirmed During the 117th Congress (2021-2022) (IN12068) by Barry J. McMillion, dated Jan 05, 2023.
- U.S. Circuit Court Nominees Confirmed During the 117th Congress (2021-2022) (IN12069) by Barry J. McMillion, dated Jan 05, 2023.
- Roll Call Votes to Confirm Supreme Court Nominations: Historical Analysis of Support and Opposition (1900-2020) (IN11905) by Barry J. McMillion, dated Apr 01, 2022.
- U.S. Circuit and District Court Nominations Confirmed During Lame Duck Sessions of Congress (1940-2021) (IN12025) by Barry J. McMillion, dated Oct 03, 2022.
- Siegel v. Fitzgerald: Supreme Court Makes Rare Comment on the Bankruptcy Clause's Uniformity Requirement (LSB10782) by Michael D. Corlino, dated Jul 01, 2022.
- Congressional Control over the Supreme Court (R47382) dated Jan 11, 2023.

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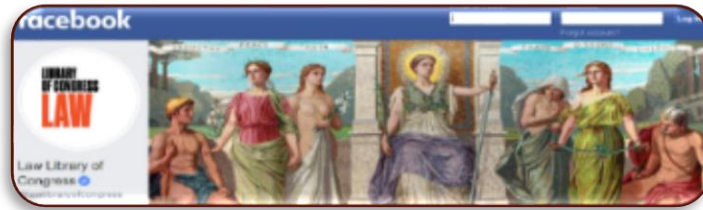


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