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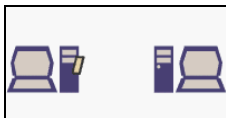
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LIBRARY HOURS



The library will be open on President's Day, Monday, February 16. For details, check the Legal Research Center web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/hours.html>.

HISTORIC GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS: FROM MICROFORM TO ONLINE ACCESS

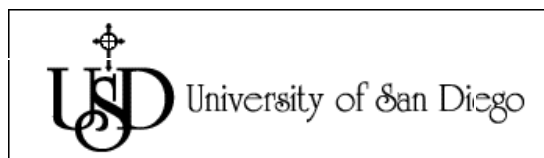


The Law Library Microform Consortium, (LLMC), is a non-profit cooperative that has served member libraries' needs for preservation, space recovery, and collection development by microfilming the world's largest collection of legal literature and government documents. Until now, LRC researchers seeking historical U.S. government documents had to rely on microform versions of decisions of government agencies, older case law, and legislative materials. Now, LLMC has launched a project called LLMC-Digital to digitize these historic documents. The documents are being scanned and made available for online access at the rate of 10,000 volumes a year. When finished, this ambitious project will provide subscribers with access to more than 100 million pages. The LRC is one of over 200 charter members of LLMC-Digital.

You can already search, retrieve, download, e-mail, and/or print documents as varied in coverage as the Decisions of the Department of the Interior from 1881, Pension & Bounty Land Claims Decisions from 1887, and Board of Tax Appeals case reports from 1924, to name a few. Results appear exactly as they are on the printed page.

To use this database, click on the [LRC Electronic Databases](#) link on the LRC home page <<http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/>>. Next, click on [LLMC Digital Database](#). Once in the database, click on [Choose from a list of available collections that you can search individually or in groups](#). This will take you to a search page with two boxes. The box on the right allows you to search specific titles by citation; the box on the left allows you to perform a keyword search in one of the following three collections:

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HISTORIC DOCUMENTS (cont.)



The **U.S. Federal-Executive** collection contains documents from any federal department, agency, commission, or other rule-making and enforcement body dependent upon the executive supervision of the President. Some examples are Decisions of the Maritime Subsidy Board, the Alaska Native Claims Appeals Board, and the Federal Labor Relations Council.

The **U.S. Federal-Judicial** collection includes materials from the federal courts and statutory organizations, such as the Federal Judicial Center, that facilitate the administration of the courts. Some examples are the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the Tax Court Reports.

The **U.S. Federal-Legislative** collection has publications from Congress, its committees and temporary commissions, and those agencies, such as the GAO, the Library of Congress, and the Copyright Office, that report directly to Congress. *Submitted by Sushila Selness, Head of Collection Services.*

PROF. VARGAS' CLASS "FINDS" INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOURCES



Foreign and International Law Librarian Brian Williams recently took students in Professor Jorge Vargas' International Environmental Law course on a whirlwind tour of the complex, vast, and constantly changing terrain of research resources in this relatively new and highly politicized area of legal practice. From the LRC Computer Lab, Brian and the class traveled the world of legal, scientific, economic, political, and historical sites where material supporting their class research can be found. The research guide that Brian gave the class is available on the LRC web page under [News & Class Guides from the LRC](#). It contains hyperlinks to over two dozen environmental treaties, conventions, and bibliographies. Brian and his colleagues are available for class presentations, special appointments, and reference assistance on any legal research topic of relevance to your courses or your research. Just contact the Reference Desk at x4612 or by e-mail at lrcrefer@SanDiego.edu.

BROWN @ 50



Black History Month is a fitting time to visit Howard University's "Brown @ 50: Fulfilling the Promise" web site commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education at <http://brown@50.org>. The site features a chronology of slavery, segregation, and civil rights in the U.S., as well as links to civil rights resources.

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