

# Current Index to Legal Periodicals

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## A Letter from the Editor August 8, 2008

Dear CILP Users,

We keep our Subject Headings simple and limited to fewer than 100, so we can index law review articles quickly and get the Current Index to Legal Periodicals (CILP) into your hands as soon as possible.

Occasionally it is necessary to revise our Subject Headings to reflect current trends in legal topics. For example, a few years ago, after one president was impeached and another's election was in question, we added a "President/Executive Department" Subject Heading.

This year we have made our most extensive Subject Heading revisions in many years. We deleted some subjects that were rarely used, changed some subjects to include newer legal concepts, and reorganized Constitutional Law by adding new, separate Subject Headings for some widely written-about issues. These changes will go into effect with the August 15, 2008 issue.

Some of these changes may affect how you use CILP, especially if you personalize your own version of the index by using SmartCILP. Attached to this letter is a list of the 2008 Revised Subject Headings and an explanation of the changes which have been made.

If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding the changes, please email me at [content@u.washington.edu](mailto:content@u.washington.edu).

Regards,

Sue Sorensen, Editor  
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## Subject Headings

Effective August 15, 2008

Accounting	<b>Estates and Trusts</b> (formerly Estate Planning & Probate)	Natural Resources Law
Administrative Law	Evidence	Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law
Admiralty	<b>First Amendment</b>	Organizations
Agency	Food and Drug Law	Partnerships
Agriculture Law	<b>Fourteenth Amendment</b>	Politics
Air and Space Law	Gaming	Practice and Procedure
Animal Law	Government Contracts	President/Executive Department
<b>Arts and Entertainment</b> (formerly Arts & Literature)	Health Law and Policy	Products Liability
Banking and Finance	Housing Law	Professional Ethics
Bankruptcy Law	Human Rights Law	Property-Personal and Real
Biography	Immigration Law	Psychology and Psychiatry
Civil Law	Indian and Aboriginal Law	Religion
Civil Rights and Discrimination	Insurance Law	Remedies
Commercial Law	Intellectual Property Law	Retirement Security
Communications Law	International Law	RICO
<b>Comparative and Foreign Law</b> (formerly Comparative Law)	International Trade	Science and Technology
<del>Computers</del>	Judges	<b>Second Amendment</b>
Conflict of Laws	Jurisdiction	Secured Transactions
<b>Constitutional Law, Generally</b> (formerly Constitutional Law)	Jurisprudence	Securities Law
Consumer Protection Law	Juveniles	Sexuality and the Law
Contracts	Labor Law	Social Welfare
Corporations	Land Use Planning	Sports
Courts	Law and Society	State and Local Government Law
Criminal Law and Procedure	Law Enforcement and Corrections	Taxation-Federal Estate and Gift
Dispute Resolution	Law of the Sea	Taxation-Federal Income
Domestic Relations	Legal Analysis and Writing	Taxation-State and Local
Economics	Legal Education	Taxation-Transnational
Education Law	Legal History	Torts
Elder Law	Legal Profession	Trade Regulation
Employment Practice	Legal Research and Bibliography	Transportation Law
Energy and Utilities Law	Legislation	<del>Trusts</del>
Environmental Law	Medical Jurisprudence	Water Law
	<b>Military, War and Peace</b> (formerly Military Law)	Women
	Motor Vehicles	Workers' Compensation Law

**Red, bold** = new

**2008 Revisions to the Subject Headings  
Used in the Current Index to Legal Periodicals (CILP)  
Effective August 15, 2008**

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**Change #1:**

- Deleted the Subject Heading “Trusts”
- Changed the name of Subject Heading “Estate Planning and Probate” to “Estates and Trusts”

Reasoning: The “Trusts” subject heading was not used very often, nor does probate get much discussion in law review articles.

**Change #2:**

- Changed the name of Subject Heading “Arts and Literature” to “Arts and Entertainment”

Reasoning: Literature is an art, so the Subject Heading was redundant. More importantly, we needed a subject heading that covered law review articles about television, movies, videogames, and new forms of entertainment as they develop.

**Change #3:**

- Changed the name of Subject Heading “Military Law” to “Military, War and Peace”

Reasoning: The concept of “military” was not broad enough to cover all of the conflict-related issues that are discussed in law review articles, such as post-conflict rebuilding of foreign governments.

**Change #4:**

- Deleted the Subject Heading “Computers”

Reasoning: Surprisingly, “Computers” has become a little-used Subject Heading over the years. The topic was first used back when lawyers were figuring out what sort of intellectual property law applied to computer software. Now most of the computer-related issues discussed in law review articles fall under other Subject Headings, such as “Communications,” “Intellectual Property,” and/or “Arts and Entertainment” as we deal with file-sharing and streaming issues. With this change, articles that are about computers in general, without dealing with communications or other topics, will be indexed under the Subject Heading “Science and Technology.”

**Change #5:**

- Changed the name of Subject Heading “Comparative Law” to “Comparative and Foreign Law”

Reasoning: Many law review articles discuss the laws of other nations without making comparisons to U.S. law or other countries’ laws.

#### **Change #6:**

- Changed the name of Subject Heading “Constitutional Law” to “Constitutional Law, Generally”
- Introduced new Subject Heading “First Amendment”
- Introduced new Subject Heading “Second Amendment”
- Introduced new Subject Heading “Fourteenth Amendment”

Reasoning: Many aspects of constitutional law are already covered by other CILP Subject Headings. For example, when a law review article discusses the constitutional aspects of a criminal case, we don’t “over-index” by putting the article under both “Criminal Law and Procedure” and “Constitutional Law.” We just use the more specific Subject Heading, “Criminal Law and Procedure.”

Similarly, constitutional issues regarding judicial review go under the subject heading “Judges;” legislative powers are covered by “Politics” and/or “Legislation;” the relationship between the states and the federal government goes under “Jurisdiction;” and so on.

However, there were several constitutional topics that receive a lot of discussion in law review articles which were all lumped under the “Constitutional Law” Subject Heading. From now on, the many law review articles that discuss First Amendment freedoms of expression, press and religion will have their own place to land in CILP. The many articles about gun ownership also have their own Subject Heading, “Second Amendment.” Many other articles will fit under the new Subject Heading “Fourteenth Amendment,” which will cover citizenship, privileges and immunities, due process, and equal protection.

Any articles that don’t fit these more specific topics will continue to be assigned to the broader Subject Heading, “Constitutional Law, Generally.”