

## Selected Japanese Digital Resources Useful for Legal Research

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Line #	Type	Name	Publisher	Contents	Access/URL	Currently Available at UW?	Cost (approximate)	Notes	Contact Information
1	Law-Specific	Bibliography on English-translated texts of Japanese laws and regulations (2006 version) 日本法令英訳書誌 [Nihon hōrei ei-yaku shoshi] (Japanese Laws in English")	国会図書館 [NDL (National Diet Library of Japan)]	Extensive index to print translations of Japanese laws. Includes over 7000 entries	Published as 'raw data' on floppy disk. Requires database software to use. At UW, mounted on MS Access database	Yes	?	No longer available? Originally received free from NDL. Have received updates from NDL through 2006	NA
2	Law-Specific	D1-Law.com	第一法規 [Daiichi Hoki Corporation]	Wide variety, including cases, index to legal articles, laws	<a href="https://www.d1-law.com/d1w2_portal/index.html">https://www.d1-law.com/d1w2_portal/index.html</a>	No	\$368/month for complete cases; other services cost more		Email: info-d1law@daiichihoki.co.jp Phone: 0120-203-480 OR Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya
11	Law-Specific	Hōrei dōta teikyō shisutemu 法令データ提供システム	Japanese Government	Full text of current Japanese laws, including ministerial ordinances and regulations	<a href="http://law.e-gov.go.jp/cgi-bin/idxsearch.cgi">http://law.e-gov.go.jp/cgi-bin/idxsearch.cgi</a>	Yes	Free		NA
3	Law-Specific	Hōritsu Hanrei Bunken Jōhō [HHBJ] CD ROM 法律判例文献情報	第一法規 [Daiichi Hoki Corporation]	Indexes to cases and legal articles from 1980 to current [NOT full text]	CD ROM updated twice a year	Yes	\$800/year	Requires Windows XP in "Japanese mode"	Email: info-d1law@daiichihoki.co.jp Phone: 0120-203-480 OR Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya
9	Law-Specific	Jōhō Kōkai Shinsakai tōshinn taitoru kensaku shisutemu 情報公開審査会答申タイトル検索システム	情報公開クリアリングハウス [Jōhō Kōkai Clearinghouse]	Database for searching freedom of information decisions of various local bodies	<a href="http://www.clearing-house.org/sys/html/ordinary_people.html">http://www.clearing-house.org/sys/html/ordinary_people.html</a>	Yes	Free		Larry Repeta repeta@omiyalaw.ac.jp
4	Law-Specific	Judgments of the Supreme Court	最高裁判所 [Supreme Court of Japan]	This Japanese government website includes the same translations in the print version (which ceased publication with no. 30 (1999)) plus many more summaries of cases (over 500).	<a href="http://courtdomino2.courts.go.jp/promjgdg.nsf">http://courtdomino2.courts.go.jp/promjgdg.nsf</a>	Yes	Free		NA
5	Law-Specific	Legalbase CD ROM リーガルベース	日本法律情報センター ; ぎょうせい [Nihon Hōritsu Jōhō Sentā ; Gyōsei]	Cases from WWII (full text or index only [optional]); Includes access to web database)	CD ROM updated twice a year  Also includes one simultaneous login to web version: <a href="http://jlic.softhouse-ilu.com">http://jlic.softhouse-ilu.com</a>	Yes	\$1600/year	Requires Windows XP in "Japanese mode"	株式会社 日本法律情報センター 〒102-0072 東京都千代田区飯田橋1-12-7 飯田橋センタービル2F 03-3239-2723(代) OR Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya
6	Law-Specific	LexDB	TKC Corporation	Japanese Cases from Meiji 8. "Japan's Largest legal information database"	Internet/CDROM <a href="http://www.tkcllex.ne.jp/index.html">http://www.tkcllex.ne.jp/index.html</a>	No	?	Unknown if service is accessible outside Japan	Email: lexcenter@tkc.co.jp 〒162-8585 東京都新宿区揚場町2番1号 軽子坂MNビル4階 株式会社TKC LEX/D B営業部 OR Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya

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7	Law-Specific	LexisNexis JP	Reed Elsevier Corporation	Japanese Cases (pre and post WWII)	Internet, with login/password <a href="http://www.lexisnexis.jp/">http://www.lexisnexis.jp/</a>	No	\$300/month for 10 passworded connections	Debuted Spring 2005	レクシスネクシス・ジャパン株式会社 〒154-0004 東京都世田谷区太子堂4-1-1 キャロットタワー19F Tel: 03-5787-3511 Fax: 03-5787-3512 OR Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya
8	Law-Specific	Nihon hōrei sakuin [Index to Japanese Law] 日本法令索引	NDL (National Diet Library of Japan)	Indexes to laws. Includes separate indexes to drafts (bills), treaties, current laws, abolished laws. Also may search all types together.	<a href="http://hourei.ndl.go.jp/SearchSys/index.jsp">http://hourei.ndl.go.jp/SearchSys/index.jsp</a>	Yes	Free		NA
10	Law-Specific	Saikō Saibansho hanreishū 最高裁判所判例集	Japanese Government	Full text of Japanese court decisions, including published decisions from all court levels	<a href="http://www.courts.go.jp/">http://www.courts.go.jp/</a>	Yes	Free		NA
12	Useful for Legal Research	Factiva	Factiva, Inc. (from Dow Jones)	Current/Recent (some back to 1990s) World-wide newspapers, including many Japanese-language newspapers with information about current laws and cases	For more information: <a href="http://factiva.com/">http://factiva.com/</a>  Internet, with Password access	Yes	UW Libraries provides access to UW Law		Contact Factiva directly?
13	Useful for Legal Research	Japan Knowledge	ネットアドバンス社 [Netto Adobansusha]	Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Databases, Including Encyclopedia of Japan (in English), with entries for many laws and cases	For more information: <a href="http://www.japanknowledge.com/">http://www.japanknowledge.com/</a>  Internet, with IP authenticated access	Yes	UW Law shares fee with UW Libraries		Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya
14	Useful for Legal Research	Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan	講談社 [Kodansha]	(see above under Japan Knowledge)	For more information: <a href="http://www.ency-japan.com">http://www.ency-japan.com</a> Internet, with IP authenticated access	Yes	UW Law shares fee with UW Libraries		Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya
15	Useful for Legal Research	Nikkei Telecom21	日本経済新聞社 [Nihon Keizai Shinbunsha]	Current/Recent access to 日本経済新聞 [Nihon keizai shinbun] (Japan's major economic newspaper)	Internet, with Password access	Yes	UW Law shares fee with UW Libraries		Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya
16	Useful for Legal Research	Yomiuri Newspaper Archives	読売新聞社 [Yomiuri Shinbunsha]	Provides coverage for major newspaper from 1874 to 1960. Includes legal topics.	CD ROM; How to use guide at: <a href="http://lib.law.washington.edu/eald/jlr/HoWToUseYomiuri/index.htm">http://lib.law.washington.edu/eald/jlr/HoWToUseYomiuri/index.htm</a>	Yes	UW Law shared one-time cost with UW Libraries		Contact broker, such as JPT or Kinokuniya