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# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

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The law library's web page can be found at: <http://www.nku.edu/~chase/library/index.htm>

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Hein-On-Line is a rapidly expanding image-based collection of legal periodicals in online, searchable format. Users can retrieve full text articles by journal title, author, article title, or official citation. Articles are displayed and printed as high-resolution images of the pages as they appeared in hardcopy.

#### **Bar Association Journals**

In addition to Hein On-Line the Law Library subscribes to more than 120 state bar association journals in microfiche. This is an extensive collection representing journals from the fifty states, District of Columbia, and Canada. Many of these titles are indexed in Legal Trac. The library's online catalog includes full bibliographic information for each title.

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