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Subject-based legal research guides:

- Habeas Corpus: A Legal Research Guide (Preuss, 2011)

Bibliographies of legal resources specific to all 50 states:

- Pennsylvania State Documents: A Bibliography of Legal and Law-Related Materials (Fishman, 2011)
- State Documents Bibliography: New Jersey (Johnsrud and Jaramillo, 2011)

Biographies of American Statesmen:

- Abraham Lincoln - American Statesmen (Morse, 1899)
- Benjamin Franklin - American Statesmen (Morse, 1898)
- Daniel Webster - American Statesmen (Lodge and Morse, 1899)

Dictionaries (legal, non-legal, and foreign language):

- Bouvier’s Law Dictionary and Concise Encyclopedia (Bouvier, 1914)
- Classical and Foreign Quotations, Law Terms and Maxims, Proverbs, Mottoes, Phrases, and Expressions in French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Spanish, and Portuguese (King and Henry, 1887)
- Law in Shakespeare (Davis, 1883)

AALL (American Association of Law Libraries) publications:

- AALL Spectrum
- Briefs in Law Librarianship (Studwell, 1997-2010)
- Law Library Journal
Other Resources for Law Librarians:

- *Hein’s Checklist of Statutes* (2011)
- *Legal L.C. Subject Heading Lists* (Lembke, 2012)

Miscellaneous:

- *Bibliography of Early American Law* (Cohen, 1998)

One publication that might be particularly useful to our attorney members is the *Legal Information Buyer’s Guide and Reference Manual*. This publication, although not the current edition (according to Hein’s contract with the publisher, they must delay the upload of editions by 2 years), is still useful for identifying the recommended treatises in specific areas of the law. If a practitioner finds himself outside of his usual practice area, he can check this publication to see what books are recommended in this unfamiliar area (and then check our catalog to see if Jenkins has them).

Similarly, the two state specific bibliographies, *Pennsylvania State Documents: A Bibliography of Legal and Law-Related Materials* and *State Documents Bibliography: New Jersey* may also be useful to the practicing attorney (as well as the law librarian responsible for collection development) as they list various Pennsylvania and New Jersey publications useful for researching legal issues in those jurisdictions.

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