This tutorial will introduce you to The Making of Modern Law resource. We will discuss how to access Making of Modern Law and how the search screens are organized.

We will cover the various search and browsing methods. Additionally, you will see a demonstration of how to do an advanced search and I’ll explain how to read the search results.

The Making of Modern Law covers legal development during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It is an essential resource for searching legal history.

The collection includes legal treatises, on nearly every area of law, but does not contain primary resources.

You can access The Making of Modern Law from the Law Library homepage. On the Law Library homepage, click the link to “all E-Resources” in the E-Resources box.

Then, under major resources, click the link to “Making of Modern Law.”
In the basic search you can search by keyword, subject, author, title, or in the full text.

You can limit your search by years of publication, topic and to only treatises on British law or only those on American law or all.

The Advanced Search allows you to search for more than one term. In the advanced search you can also limit the search according to years of publication, topic and to British or American Treatises. Additionally, you can limit your search by language, number of pages, or types of illustrated works.

You can also use the “Fuzzy Search” feature in the advanced search. The Fuzzy search will search for terms that are similar to your term, for example it will search for alternative spellings of a word like harbor.
You can set this feature to none, low, medium, or high. The higher the level, the more variations of your terms.

Additionally, the advanced search allows you to search by Gale Document Number, which is the number assigned by Gale to that document in the database or by a MARC record number which is a Machine Readable Catalog record.

Searching in the Making of Modern Law functions much like other searches,

type your key words or phases into the search box,

choose your search area and then click search. For example, using the advanced

For example, using the advanced keyword search we can search for state rights and international law in the full text.
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with a medium fuzzy search level and limiting the results to English

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language resources.

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The results of a basic or advanced search are organized chronologically by ascending date of publication and then sorted alphabetically by author.

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You can change the organization of

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the results by selecting an alternative method from the drop down menu

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at the top of the results list. Additionally, you can revise your search by clicking the revise search button at the top of the page.
In addition to the search methods available in The Making of Modern Law, there are also two browse methods available. The first browse method is Browse Authors.

Browse Authors allows you to browse through a list of all the authors and authoring bodies whose works are included in the database. The list is organized alphabetically and each author’s name is linked to a list of the works the database has for that author. You can browse the list of authors in two ways:

First, you can click on the letter of the alphabet to see authors with a last name that starts with that letter;

or, you can type the author’s last name, or the beginning of his last name into the find author search box at the top of the page, which will take you to the alphabetical area where that author would be located.

The second browse method available on the Making of Modern law is Browse Works. You can use Browse Works to peruse an alphabetical list of all the works included in the database. Like the Browse Authors feature, you can use the Browse Works feature in two ways, either by clicking the letter appropriate for the title of the work you are looking for, or by typing the name of the work into the search box at the top of the page.

One important difference from the Browse Authors feature is that the Browse Works feature includes the various editions and variations in titles for works. These differences in titles means that one work may appear more than once in the list under the various titles. In both browse methods you can limit the list to treatises on American Law, treatises on British Law or both.