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- Cases pending before the European Court of Justice and European Court of First Instance

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Imperial Court of Justice Decisions

The collection of decisions of the Imperial Court of Justice in Civil Matters (RGZ) with more than 15,000 decisions, the collection of

decisions in Criminal Matters (RGSt) with 11,000 decisions and the decisions of the Imperial Financial Court (RFHE) with 5,900 decisions.

Laws

Access to the complete body of German Federal laws and directives. References are given to the currently valid versions as well as the previously applicable forms of the statutes, together with future statutes which have been announced, but have not yet entered into effect at the time they are included in the database.

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State Laws

Statutes of selected German states are referenced in their historical versions as well as in the form currently applicable. The relevant publications in the Federal Law Gazettes I and II are available as facsimiles through the linking of the information sources in Federal law. More than 290,000 documents of state laws in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Brandenburg, Hamburg, Hesse, Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein and Thuringia. More than 30,000 documents from the Federal Law Gazettes I and II.

European Law

Legal security for the decisions of the European Court of Justice and the European Court of First Instance: more than 13,000 comprehensively linked documents are available as full texts. European laws: EC foundation treaties and EC statutes, provided that they were in effect on or went into effect after 1 July 1979. European implementation provisions: sources of information for national laws which have been issued for the implementation of EC provisions. The European laws and provisions can be retrieved by links.



Double Taxation Treaties

Direct access to the texts of the double taxation treaties which Germany has concluded with 80 countries. The underlying data (country, statutes, date, sources) and the individual articles are listed for each treaty.

Administrative Statutes Tax Law

The administrative statutes published in the Federal Tax Gazette (Bundessteuerblatt) and the state files from 1978 on are referenced. All of the letters from the Federal Ministry of Finance and orders from the top tax authorities in the German states which are significant enough to warrant documentation have been included since 1979. The tax law administrative provisions are referenced in their full text. In addition, directives regarding income, turnover, wage, corporate, asset, trade and property tax laws as well as the directives regarding the evaluation of property assets are available.

Contract Procedures

Users will find the German Construction Contract Procedures (VOB/A and B), Service Contract Procedures Except Construction (VOL/A and B) and the Contract Procedures for Freelance Services (VOF) in this database.

Collective Negotiated Agreements

There are references for the texts of the collective negotiated agreements which have been declared generally binding. The texts of the agreements are published according to the most recently known revision.

References GDR Statutes

The archives "References GDR Statutes" contain bibliographical information on the statutes of the former GDR which were published in the time from 07 October 1949 (founding of the GDR) to 2 October 1990 (eve of reunification) in the Legal Gazette, Legal Gazette I, Legal Gazette II, Legal Gazette III, Legal Gazette Special Issue, Legal Gazette, Ministerial Gazette and Central Gazette. Information about amendments or repeal of the various statutes has also been included. The amendment and repeal statutes are referenced in footnotes to the specific documents.

Literature References

The literature references give users access to a comprehensive reference system for legal essay literature. The database with a current content of some 700,000 documents is constantly being updated and expanded — by some 20,000 documents every year. The records are compiled from the evaluation of over 600 legal journals. Starting with the year 1976, legal essays, discussions of court decisions and commentaries on judgments from all legal fields are referenced in the form of short descriptions of the contents (abstracts) and bibliographical information. The linking of the data records with judicial decisions and the legal statutes of the Federal government enables users to avoid time-consuming visits to the library.

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Practice Reports

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Journals

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Commentaries / Lexicons

The juris Practice Commentary BGB includes a total of about 14,000 pages in seven volumes. It contains extensive references to trial practice, takes into account the latest developments in court precedents and excludes opinions which are of purely academic interest. Besides the continuously updated juris Practice Commentary BGB, the lexicon Urheberrecht von A–Z from our partner Verlag Medien und Recht is available online.

Work Aids

- The standard reference NAE Table from Sanden/Danner/Küppersbusch.
- The most important tables and guidelines for support payments and the pension adjustment table, continuously updated and in historical version.

News / Press Releases

The press releases from the Federal Constitutional Court and the five superior Federal courts of justice in their original wording. In addition, daily updated news on developments in legislation and the latest court decisions, prepared by the juris editorial staff, and announcements from government authorities and federations are available.

juris Newsletter

Regular e-mails containing information about the latest judicial decisions and legislation.

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