HeinOnline Timeline

For those who have been a part of HeinOnline since the beginning, you are more than likely aware of some of the “highlights” in the history of HeinOnline’s growth.

We thought this would be a good time, however, to point out some of these important dates to show our accomplishments over the years and provide a history to those of you that may have recently joined the HeinOnline family.

Color legend: Milestone | New Enhancement | Award | New Database | New Platform

May 8, 2000: New York University Law Library is the first HeinOnline subscriber.

December 2000: Users can limit their text searches to a single title or group of titles, rather than search the entire journal collection.

March 2001: There are 100 subscribers to HeinOnline.

June 2001: There are more than 150 subscribers to HeinOnline.

July 2001: HeinOnline is awarded the “Best New Product” Award by the American Association of Law Libraries.

September 2001: HeinOnline has more than 100 journal titles available.

December 2001: 80% of all ABA-accredited law schools subscribe to HeinOnline.

September 2002: The first segment of the Federal Register Library, covering the years 1970-1974, is available to all HeinOnline subscribers.

October 2002: There are more than 500 HeinOnline subscribers.

November 2002: HeinOnline is named “2002 Best Commercial Website” by the International Association of Law Libraries.

April 2003: More than 600 organizations subscribe to HeinOnline.

July 2003: The Treaties and Agreements Library and the Supreme Court Library are demonstrated in Seattle, Washington at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries.

September 2004: HeinOnline surpasses 13 million pages.

November 2004: Researchers are able to search “all titles” in a Library or any combination of titles in a Library in HeinOnline.

February 2005: New enhancement allow numbers to be included in searches.

March 2005: HeinOnline subscribers may use Athens to access HeinOnline.

March 2005: HeinOnline’s Legal Classics Library is available with more than 300,000 pages and 100 titles.

May 2005: Links to several “electronic-only” journals are included. These journals are indexed at the article title and article author level.

June 2005: The first release of Code of Federal Regulations material is available and includes the 1938 edition through the 1947 supplements of the CFR.

September 2005: HeinOnline subscribers are in nearly 3,200 locations in 75 countries.

December 2005: In 2005 alone, HeinOnline registers almost 46 million hits—an average of 126,027 hits every day.

February 2006: HeinOnline's Law Journal Library contains more than 800 titles.

March 2006: 100% of the Top 50 law firms and 92% of the Top 100 law firms in the United States now subscribe to HeinOnline.

April 2006: Live online demonstrations and training are available for HeinOnline.

May 2006: U.S. Presidential Library and Philip C. Jessup Library are available.

September 2006: "Highlighted text on the page" feature available when searching.


February 2007: HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library contains more than 800 titles.

March 2007: HeinOnline's Foreign and International Law Resources Database (FILRD), originally named International Yearbooks Library, is available and includes more than 500,000 pages (nearly 675 volumes).

April 2007: HeinOnline's World Trials Library is available. Thanks to many generous contributions, HeinOnline's World Trials Collection is well on its way to establishing itself as the premier online trials resource.

April 2007: HeinOnline includes every PRIMARY law review published from a U.S. law school, with coverage from volume one.

June 2007: New HeinOnline interface is released, making HeinOnline more user-friendly and vastly improving searching capabilities.

June 2007: U.S. Congressional Documents library and ALI Collection are available.

September 2007: The HeinOnline Blog is launched to provide on-demand information to users around the world.

September 2007: Foreign Relations of the United States library is available with more than 350 volumes.

September 2007: Title Lookup now available in HeinOnline.

December 2007: HeinOnline contains 33 million pages of content.

December 2007: William S. Hein & Co., Inc. is named to the 2007 E-Content 100, "a list of companies that matter most in the digital content industry."

January 2008: The U.S. Federal Agency Collection is available.

March 2008: Harvard Research in International Law Online Library is available and includes hundreds of links to journal articles and treaties.

March 2008: HeinOnline is being indexed by Google Scholar, which makes the more than 1,100 titles in the Law Journal Library searchable in the Google Scholar interface.

April 2008: HeinOnline is on YouTube.

May 2008: Kluwer Law Journal Library is available and contains twelve of Kluwer's most prominent international law journals.

June 2008: Added ScholarCheck tools to the Law Journal Library, which enabled users to view the most cited journal titles and articles in HeinOnline.

July 2008: MyHein is launched.

July 2008: Subject Compilations of State Laws is available, allowing access to more than 18,000 sources of 50-state surveys in a searchable, digital format.

August 2008: HeinOnline is on Facebook and Twitter.

September 2008: HeinOnline Wiki is available. This is later replaced by help.heinonline.org.

October 2008: National Moot Court Competition and United Nations Law Collection are available.

November 2008: National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws is available.

December 2008: United States Code and Israel Law Reports are available.

February 2009: National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws – Archive Publications (NCCUSL) is available.

May 2009: Selden Society Publications & The History of Early English Law is now available.

June 2009: CFR is complete.
July 2009: HeinOnline's Subject Compilations of State Laws Database receives 2009 AALL Best New Product Award at the annual meeting.

September 2009: HeinOnline surpasses 50 million pages of content.

September 2009: Taxation & Economic Reform in America, Parts I & II are available.

November 2009: Bar Journals and the New York Legal Research Library are available.

December 2009: Faceted Searching is released in BETA test.

January 2010: Word/Phrase Radio Buttons are obsolete in the field search option; instead, all phrases require quotes in a field or advanced search.

February 2010: HeinOnline Branding is available free of charge.

April 2010: World Constitutions Illustrated is available on HeinOnline's new research platform.

May 2010: Scottish Legal History: Featuring Publications of the Stair Society is available.

June 2010: History of Bankruptcy: Taxation & Economic Reform in America, Part III is available.

July 2010: Scottish Legal History is available.

August 2010: HeinOnline is on LinkedIn.

September 2010: Cassidy Cataloguing is HeinOnline's Official Cataloging Partner.

October 2010: Intellectual Property Law Collection is available.

November 2010: New HeinOnline logo and homepage are released.

January 2011: World Constitutions Illustrated is named to Choice's 2010 List of Outstanding Academic Titles.

May 2011: eTOC alerts available with MyHein accounts.

June 2011: History of International Law and Hague Academy of Collected Courses are available.

July 2011: HeinOnline surpasses 70 million pages.

July 2011: Spinelli's Law Library Reference Shelf, originally titled Law Librarian's Reference Shelf, is available.

August 2011: HeinOnline's Librarian's Corner is released with logos, posters, widgets and more.

September 2011: All states back to inception in the Session Laws Library!

October 2011: Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals and American Indian Law Collection are available.

October 2011: HeinOnline App is released.

December 2011: The Canada Supreme Court Reports library is available.

December 2011: PDF downloads available on the HeinOnline App.

January 2012: Search HeinOnline by MARC21 catalog records.

February 2012: Congressional Hearings added to U.S. Congressional Documents Collection.

March 2012: State Attorney General Reports & Opinions library is available.

April 2012: U.S. International Trade Library: A Current and Historical Archive is available.

June 2012: Congress and the Courts library is available.

July 2012: HeinOnline surpasses 80 million pages of content.

August 2012: Supreme Court Nominations library is available.

October 2012: Search Query Email Alerts available with MyHein.

November 2012: New HeinOnline Help Page is available. HeinOnline Wiki is discontinued.

December 2012: Downloadable Law Journal Library one box citation widget added to Librarian's Corner.

December 2012: Publication date added to most-cited articles listing.

January 2013: Revised Statutes of Canada is available.

January 2013: RSS feeds available for eTOC alerts.


March 2013: HeinOnline surpasses 94 million pages of content.
March 2013: State Statutes: A Historical Archive is available
April 2013: Hein corporate headquarters moves to Getzville, NY.
April 2013: Pre-1865 Law Reports available as a new subsection in English Reports.
May 2013: More than 1,800 journals available in HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library.
May 2013: Alumni Access Program available.
June 2013: Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law Publications library is available.
July 2013: Immigration Law & Policy in the U.S. is available.
July 2013: New partnership announced with Fastcase; will allow access to the full-text of caselaw via inline hyperlinks and direct citation entry
July 2013: HeinOnline is discoverable through EBSCO discovery service platform.
August 2013: PDFs are available for download directly to mobile devices and tablets via QR codes in HeinOnline.
August 2013: Sub-collections can be viewed from HeinOnline welcome page.
October 2013: More than 100 million pages available in HeinOnline.
March 2014: Women & the Law (Peggy) is available.
May 2014: HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library contains over 2,000 journals.
June 2014: State Reports: A Historical Archive is available.
June 2014: Fastcase/HeinOnline Account Synchronization and Fastcase Premium available. Subscribers of this service receive additional features, including full-text searching across all case law and the ability to view citation information for cases.
June 2014: Search results will show the number of times articles have been accessed in HeinOnline.

July 2014: HeinOnline’s partnership with Fastcase receives 2014 AALL Best New Product Award at the annual meeting.
July 2014: U.S. State Package is available.
July 2014: Full-color PDFs available in Legal Classics title.
July 2014: HeinOnline is on Google+.
August 2014: HeinOnline is on Instagram.
September 2014: Tax Foundation Archive Publications library is available and included with Taxation & Economic Reform subscriptions.
September 2014: MyHein bookmark tags can be reorganized.
October 2014: World Treaty Library is available.
November 2014: U.S. Code Citation Locator enhanced.
November 2014: Users have the ability to change their default Collection Display.
November 2014: Multiple page view display option available in HeinOnline.
January 2015: ABA Law Library Collection Periodicals library is available.
January 2015: Author Profile Pages showcase articles and use ScholarCheck to determine an author's rank in HeinOnline.
January 2015: Dropbox integration option available.
February 2015: Full-color PDFs available in HeinOnline’s ABA Law Library Collection.
May 2015: HeinOnline celebrates 15 years!
May 2015: Religion & the Law is available.
June 2015: Law in Eastern Europe is available.
July 2015: Updated HeinOnline interface is released, making HeinOnline more user-friendly and mobile-friendly, and vastly improving searching capabilities.
December 2015: Oyez case law audio linked to U.S. Supreme Court Library

January 2016: National Survey of State Laws database is available.

May 2016: App now available for Android, updated for iOS.

August 2016: Cataloging Legal Literature database is available.

August 2016: Publications from the ABA Center for Professional Development’s National Institutes added to ABA Law Library Collection Periodicals.

September 2016: UNC Press Law publications are available (FREE to U.S. Core subscribers)

October 2016: Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases from the ABA is available (and exclusive to HeinOnline!)

October 2016: Slavery in America and the World: History, Culture & Law is available and is the first FREE database available to anyone!

October 2016: Provincial Statutes of Canada are available (FREE for Canadian Core subscribers)

August 2016: Brennan Center for Justice Publications are available.

January 2017: New help video series from Quimbee is available!

March 2017: New Knowledge Base is available.

March 2017: Multinational Sources Compared: A Subject and Jurisdiction Index is available.

April 2017: Infinite scrolling of search results is introduced.

April 2017: Reports of U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies is now available.

April 2017: Hackney Publications are now available.

June 2017: History of Capital Punishment is now available.

June 2017: Criminal Justice in America is born! U.S. Attorney General database is expanded, reorganized and renamed.

June 2017: SAGE Journal packages are now available.

July 2017: Linking to GPO authenticated PDFs is now available in the Federal Register and Congressional Record.

August 2017: There are more than 150 MILLION pages in HeinOnline!

August 2017: Machine learning and natural language processing tools are available in the Law Journal Library - check out More Like This and the Keyword Search Builder! These tools will continue to be developed and expanded!

October 2017: Campus-Activated Subscriber Access is enabled in HeinOnline, allowing seamless access to material from Google Scholar both on and off-campus!

October 2017: Author Profile Alert added: users are able to receive email alerts when works by authors of their choice are accessed by other HeinOnline researchers.

October 2017: Users have the ability to email selected catalog search results!

November 2017: Users can download a CSV of ScholarCheck metrics for an entire institution!


November 2017: New Restatement Section Locator Tool available in the American Law Institute Library!

November 2017: New natural language processing and machine learning tools have been added to ABA Law Library Collections Periodicals, Bar Journals Library, and Kluwer Law International Journal Library!


December 2017: Users can receive email alerts when articles are added to HeinOnline that are similar to those written by a specific author.

December 2017: British Tax Review archives are available in the Law Journal Library. Full-text coverage includes inception through 1985, with indexing provided for content from 1986 to date.

December 2017: McGill Institute of Air and Space Law Publications database added!


February 2018: Entities are available within document metadata fields and search facets in the Federal Register Library!

February 2018: State Reports: A Historical Archive is now color-coded with numbers indicating geographic boundaries of United States Courts of Appeals and United States District Courts.

February 2018: Shane P. Marmion named President of the William S. Hein & Co., Inc.

February 2018: Legal Classics contains more than 11,000 titles!


April 2018: Art Antiquity and Law database is added!

April 2018: New 4th Print Edition of Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories is available!

April 2018: Gun Regulation and Legislation in America database is added!

April 2018: New citation format, Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation, otherwise known as the McGill Guide is added.


May 2018: Nearly 40 Cambridge University Press journals, including more than 20 brand new titles are added to the Law Journal Library.

May 2018: HeinOnline is LEGAL! HeinOnline celebrated it’s 18th birthday.

May 2018: George Wythe Collection is available in the Legal Classics Library containing 160 titles.

June 2018: HeinOnline automatically redirects all visitors to the secured (HTTPS) version of the site.

June 2018: New 2016-2017 volume and update available for Subject Compilations of State Laws!

June 2018: New informational icons added to HeinOnline.

August 2018: Two new chapters were added to National Survey of State Laws and four chapters were updated.

August 2018: Matching text has been changed from yellow highlighting to bold.

August 2018: New database, John F. Kennedy Assassination Collection is available and FREE to all U.S. Academic subscribers.

September 2018: MyHein users now have the ability to set up multiple tags, or categories, of bookmarks and search queries.

September 2018: A new Cuba constitution has been added to World Constitution Illustrated.

October 2018: U.S. Congressional Serial Set is now available in HeinOnline! This database is included at no additional charge for HeinOnline Academic subscribers, Core+ subscribers, and subscribers of HeinOnline’s U.S. Congressional Documents.


October 2018: New proximity search option added allowing users to search using w/.

November 2018: Two new Legislative Histories were added to the U.S. Federal Legislative History Library.

November 2018: New proximity connectors now allow users to search within a sentence, a paragraph, or a segment.


December 2018: New subcollection is available in the Foreign and International Relations database, which features publications from the International Humans Rights Law Institute.

December 2018: New metric added to Author profile pages: average number of citations per article.

January 2019: ScholarCheck statistics appearance is refreshed and color-coded.

February 2019: New MARC record icon added as a result from a customer suggestion.


February 2019: U.S. News Considers Using Hein’s ScholarCheck to Evaluate Law School Scholarly Impact.

March 2019: U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies: A Bibliographic Listing named to the 2018 List of Best Historical Materials.

April 2019: A direct link to an author’s profile page via their MyHein account added.

April 2019: Enhancements to HeinOnline’s infrastructure made. Changes are not noticeable to the end user other than increased performance.

May 2019: Hein now offers subscriptions to the Brill | Nijhoff Journal & Yearbook Collection which brings current content in addition to the complete archive of more than 40 journals and 20 yearbooks.

May 2019: HeinOnline celebrates its 19th anniversary with a $500 Amazon gift card giveaway via a Twitter contest.

May 2019: John Wiley & Son, Inc., to include more than 20 Wiley journals, including 13 brand new titles, as part of the ever-growing Law Journal Library.


May 2019: Venn-Diagram feature added after a customer suggestion. Streamline your research with our new visual research aid.

June 2019: Law Journal Library now contains more than 2,700 journals, 64,000 volumes and, 36 million pages!


June 2019: Legal Classics contains more than 14,000 titles!

July 2019: HeinOnline starts new project of creating LibGuides for each existing database, featuring: database-specific content, search tips, tools, features, training materials, and more. Libraries will even be able to feature HeinOnline’s LibGuides on their websites as a student resource.

July 2019: Explore This Author tool released in author profile pages.

August 2019: New database, Democracy in America now available!

September 2019: New database, Business and Legal Aspects of Sports and Entertainment (BLASE) now available!

September 2019: Legal Classics contains more than 15,000 titles!

October 2019: Update to MyHein. Skip over previously bookmarked items and move on to new documents quicker.

October 2019: New Database, State Constitutions Illustrated now available at no additional cost for subscribers of HeinOnline’s U.S. State Package!

October 2019: One-year anniversary of when we launched the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. In the past year, we have added more than 3.6 million pages and nearly 5,300 volumes.

November 2019: The American Indian Law Collection database includes 418 Native American treaties, 416 of which include full-text coverage. Each treaty includes a handful of metadata points that have not been identified and extracted to display within the database.

November 2019: New search tool in the American Indian Law Collection: Native American Treaty Search allows searching by keywords and text, treaty numbers, tribe, short title, treaty description, date, and/or subject.

December 2019: New Impeachment Collection added to the U.S. Presidential database.

January 2020: HeinOnline integrated with ORCID.

February 2020: New citation lookup tool added to the U.S. Congressional Serial Set landing page.

March 2020: Hein has acquired the rights to the Current Index to Legal Periodicals from the University of Washington Gallagher Law Library.

March 2020: Law Journal Library not contains more than 2,800 journals spanning more than 38 million pages!

March 2020: (Re)Introducing Criminal Justice & Criminology. Major database revamp of Criminal Justice in America, added an additional 1,400 titles and two million pages, along with a rename to reflect new and unique content.

April 2020: Individuals and Institutions can now edit their own author profile, or have an authorized admin edit author profiles for faculty at an institution.

April 2020: HeinOnline’s BLASE receives the 2020 AALL Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award.

April 2020: HeinOnline integrated with NoodleTools.

May 2020: Hein’s Double Birthday. 2020 marks the 100th year of William S. Hein & Co., Inc., and 20 years of HeinOnline. A quarantine birthday celebration was had with a giveaway of a MacBook Air.
May 2020: CEO, Kevin Marmion celebrates his 50th anniversary with William S. Hein & Co., Inc.

May 2020: Individual authors or authorized librarians can now add their Google Scholar and SSRN profile links to their author profile pages.

June 2020: Availability facet added to the Law Journal Library as a result from a customer suggestion.


Thank you for your continued support and dedication. We would not be where we are today without you all. Stay tuned to see what will be next for HeinOnline!

“Amazing - very good - best thing”
- From a University in Australia talking about HeinOnline

“Hein is continuously expanding its content - adding more and more pages and different titles each month”
- Gotham Librarian

“The Hein Company convinced us that we could trust them”
- Bob Berring | A Tinkerbell in Buffalo

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