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Classification: deciphering KF Modified
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Introduction

- Library of Congress Classification (LCC)
- Origins of KF Modified
- The basic LCC call number structure
- Some special features of KF Modified
  - Geographic Divisions (G.D.s)
  - Constitutional law
  - Taxation. Income tax
Why classify?

“To classify is human.”

Geoffery C. Bowker and Susan Leigh Star,
*Sorting Things Out : Classification and Its Consequences*
Why classify library resources?

- The library classification system arranges books and resources by topical categories, bringing related subjects nearby for easy browsing.
- It creates a unique call number that allows efficient retrieval of resources and ensures that materials are returned to their proper places after use.
Unclassified collection

Subjects are scattered
Classified collection

Subjects are grouped together
In the business of saving time

A library classification system is designed to save the time of the library user by:

- making it easier to retrieve desired materials from the collection, and
- grouping similar materials together in one place

We are in the business of saving the time of our library users and the classification system helps us accomplish that goal
Library of Congress Classification (LCC)

Originally developed for books in the Library of Congress collection

Became one of the two main systems used in U.S. and Canadian libraries

Currently has 21 subject ‘classes’

LCC outline online at:
<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/lcco/lcco.html>
Main classes used in our libraries

- Class K – Law (General)
- Class H – Social Sciences
- Class J – Political Science
- Class R – Medicine
- Class Z – Bibliography. Library Science. Information Resources (General)
Class K - Law

Class K currently has 15 ‘subclasses’ arranged by broad jurisdictional areas, for example:

- Subclass KF – Law of the United States first published in 1969
- Subclass KD – Law of the United Kingdom & Ireland first published in 1973
Class K - Law

Some K ‘subclasses’ you may find used in your collection:

- Subclass K – Law (General)
- Subclass KJC – Law of Europe
- Subclass KZ – Law of Nations
Why modify KF - Law of the U.S.?

The Birth of KF Modified

- growth in Canadian legal publishing
- no reliable classification scheme for Canadian law, or any other common law jurisdiction
- preferred to classify common law together rather than separating by jurisdiction
The basic LCC call number

KF 1257 B78 2004

Bruce, Christopher J.
Assessment of personal injury damages. 4th ed.
The classification number

KF 1257  B78  2004

Bruce, Christopher J.
Assessment of personal injury damages. 4th ed.
The Cutter or book number

KF 1257 B78 2004

Bruce, Christopher J.  
Assessment of personal injury damages. 4th ed.  
The Cutter or book number

Bruce, Christopher J. KF 1257 B78
Bruce, David KF 1257 B783
Bruce, John KF 1257 B785
Bruce, Christopher J.
Assessment of personal injury damages. 4th ed.
Parts of the LCC call number

KF      class or subclass
1257    subject area
B78     Cutter number
2004    publication date
KF Classification
Modified for Use in Canadian Law Libraries
Special features of KF Modified

- Geographic Divisions (G.D.s)
- Form Divisions
- Subject Cutters
- KF 4481-4483 – Constitutional law - History. Canada
- KF 6499 – Taxation. Income tax
Geographic Division – G.D.

class. # → G.D. → book # → publ. date

KF 1536 .ZA2 C364 2003

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Geographic Division – G.D.

Some common examples:

Canada .ZA2 | Alberta .ZA3
Ontario .ZB3 | Québec .ZB5
Great Britain .ZC2 | Scotland .ZC8
Australia .ZD2 | India .ZM2

* Note: there is no G.D. for the United States
Geographic Division – G.D.

The G.D. instruction to the cataloguer as it appears in the KF Modified schedule:

Civil procedure
KF 8840 General works. (G.D. 8840 [8840-8855])
Geographic Division – Ex. 1

Veiga-Minhinnett, Anita C.
1. Civil procedure--Ontario--Handbooks, manuals, etc. 2. Court rules--Ontario--Handbooks, manuals, etc.

KF
8840 Civil procedure. General works
.ZB3 Ontario
V45 Cutter for author
1996 Publication date
Tomasic, Roman.


1. Corporation law--Australia. I. McQueen, Rob. II. Bottomley, Stephen.

KF
1415 Business corporations. General
.ZD2 Australia
T66 Cutter for author
2002 Publication date
Ontario. Dept. of Labour.


KF
3320  Labour law. General
.ZA2  Ont. + Sask. + B.C. = Canada
0585  Cutter for author
1958  Publication date
Double Cutter numbers

A call number is said to be a ‘double Cutter number’ when an additional Cutter is added between the classification and book number.

This additional Cutter is usually used to indicate the form of the item or it can indicate a more specific subject subdivision.

*Note: Form Divisions and Subject Cutters are never used with Geographic Divisions*
The Form Division

Form Divisions are used to group items together by the type of document.

Examples include:
- classified periodicals
- case books
- collected papers, e.g. CLE materials
Form Divisions – Examples

Collected papers; CLE materials
- Divorce. Separation
  KF 535 .A2 L393 2003
- Charity laws and legislation
  KF 740 .A5 C58 2004
- Pension and retirement plans
  KF 3510 .A75 I58 2005
Subject Cutters

Subject Cutters are used to subdivide a general subject into a more specific subject.

Usually subject subdivisions are assigned their own classification number.

However, subject Cutters are used in certain situations.
Subject Cutters - Examples

Works on diverse legal aspects of a subject falling within several branches of the law

- Aged; older people
  KF 390.5 .A4 F54 2004

- Horses
  KF 390.5 .H6 H36 1975

- Internet
  KF 390.5 .I5 G45 2002
Subject Cutters - Examples

- Medical legislation. Special topics
  - Medical records. Records management
    KF 3827 . R4 R69 2002

- Discrimination in employment. Particular groups or types
  - Sex discrimination
    KF 3467 G87 2004 (no subject Cutter)
Constitutional law

Because KF Modified is based on the classification for United States law this is one of the major areas that required modification.

KF Modified provides a special range of numbers for the constitutional law of non-U.S. common law countries.

* Note: U.S. constitutional law is found at KF 4501-5130
Constitutional law – Canada

There are three main numbers in the range for Canadian constitutional law

- **KF 4481** - Documents, sources, etc.
- **KF 4482** - General works about the Constitution
- **KF 4483** - Special topics and specific subject areas
Constitutional law – Canada

Selected special topics under KF 4483

Constitutional law - History
Canada

KF 4483 Special topics, A-Z

.B5 Bilingualism and biculturalism
.C5 Civil and political rights and liberties including fundamental freedoms. General works.
.F4 Federalism: Federal and provincial relations/Jurisprudence
.F8 Foreign relations
.I5 Immigration and emigration, Aliens, Passports
.I6 Internal security
.J8 Judiciary, Judicial power, Judicial review of legislation
.N3 Nationality and citizenship, Naturalization
.P8 Public power, Police power
.R75 Rule of law
.R8 Rules and procedure (Parliament)
Constitutional law – Canada – Ex. 1

Stilborn, Jack.
Federal-provincial relations / Jack Stilborn. -- Rev. --
19 p. ; 28 cm.
1. Federal-provincial relations--Canada. 2. Federal
government--Canada.

KF
4483 Constitutional law – Canada
.F4 Federal and provincial relations
S75 Cutter for author
1996 Publication date
Constitutional law – Canada – Ex. 2

Zinn, Russel W. (Russel Wayne), 1951-

The law of human rights in Canada: practice and procedure/
Russel W. Zinn, Patricia P. Brethour. -- Aurora, Ont. : Canada Law
Book, c1996-
1 v. (loose-leaf) ; 26 cm.
1. Civil rights--Canada.

KF
4483 Constitutional law – Canada
.C5 Civil and political rights
Z56 Cutter for author
1996 Publication date
Constitutional law – Canada – Civil rights

**KF 4483 .C5** expanded to bring out particular aspects

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Constitutional law – Canada – Ex. 3

Canada.
[Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.]
The ... annotated Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. --
Scarborough, Ont. : Carswell, c1994--
v. ; 24 cm. -- (Statutes of Canada annotated.)
Annual

KF
4483 Constitutional law – Canada
.C518 Charter, annotated
C36/ C Cutter for jurisdiction+act
1997 Publication date
Constitutional law - Other

Other common law jurisdictions:

- KF 4485-4487  Great Britain & N. Ireland
- KF 4488-4490  Australia
- KF 4492-4494  New Zealand
Constitutional law – Great Britain

Grosz, Stephen.
Human rights : the 1998 Act and the European Convention /
1xv, 440 p. ; 26 cm.

KF 4487 .C5 G76 2000
Constitutional law – Great Britain
Civil/ political rights & liberties
Cutter for author
Publication date
Constitutional law – Australia

Bailey, P. H. (Peter Hamilton), 1927-

Human rights : Australia in an international context / Peter H. Bailey ; forward by Roma Mitchell. -- Sydney : Butterworths, 1990. xiii, 407 p. ; 24 cm

1. Civil rights -- Australia.

KF
4490
.C5
B34
1990

Constitutional law – Australia
Civil/ political rights & liberties
Cutter for author
Publication date
Constitutional law – Other (2)

Other common law jurisdictions (2):

- KF 4496 Other common law countries, A-Z

Selected examples:

- .B25 Bahamas
- .I5 India
- .J3 Jamaica
- .P3 Pakistan
- .S6 South Africa
Constitutional law – South Africa

Constitutional law of South Africa / Matthew Chaskalson ... [et al.].
-- 2nd ed. -- Lansdowne, [South Africa] : Juta, 2002-
1 v. (loose-leaf) ; 26 cm
1. Constitutional law--South Africa.

KF
4496 Constitutional law – Other
.S6 South Africa
C66 Cutter for title
2002 Publication date
Constitutional law – Review

KF 4481-4483 Canada
containing form and subject divisions

KF 4485-4487 Great Britain & N. Ireland

KF 4488-4490 Australia

KF 4492-4494 New Zealand
using form and subject divisions of KF 4481-4483

KF 4496 Other common law
Cutter for jurisdiction only
Taxation. Income tax

The classification number KF 6499 uses the Geographic Division

This number groups two large ranges together, KF 6374 – KF 6383 and KF 6400 – KF 6499, under one number
Taxation. Income tax – Ex. 1

Exclusion of business expenses in Alberta

- KF 6377 found in schedule in the KF 6374 – KF 6383 range and is assigned KF 6499 .ZA3

Canadian corporate taxes in general

- KF 6455 falls in the KF 6400 – KF 6499 range and is assigned KF 6499 .ZA2
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