Research Services at The Insurance Library

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Overview of The Insurance Library

• Founded in 1887, with a public mission

• Membership structure, but open to the public; research services provided to consumers and students

• Only independent library focused on insurance and risk management information
Overview of The Insurance Library

• Located in Boston but serve a national (international) audience

• A precursor to The Institutes
Areas of Operation

• Historical Collection

• Research *

• Education

• Engagement
The Insurance Library  - Research

- Historical items (old books, photos, policies, ship registers, other documents)

- Law books
Legal Research - Historic

• Fire and Marine Insurance

• “X” on Insurance
Legal Research - Historic

- CCH Reporters – Contain Case Summaries and Analysis

- Insurance Department Rulings – 1920s to 1990s
Legal Research - Contemporary

- Couch on Insurance
- New Appleman’s
- Librarian access to databases:
  - Lexis and Westlaw
  - IRMI and FC&S
  - Silverplume (Vertafore Reference Connect)
Legal Research - Coverage

• See CPCU CLEW newsletter article in materials

• FC&S

• IRMI Manuals

• Windt – Claims and Disputes: Representation of Insurance Companies and Insureds

• Ostrager & Newman – Handbook on Insurance Coverage Disputes
Legal Research - Coverage

• *Stempel and Knutsen on Insurance Coverage*

• *Miller's Standard Insurance Policies Annotated* - more than 226,000 annotations to state and federal cases interpreting over 100 standard property and liability policies

• ABA’s Journal *Coverage and New Appleman’s Current Critical Issues* – both have in-depth articles on select topics (hope to find)
Legal Research - Coverage

• Coverage materials specific to certain lines

• Specific states – Applemans on NY Insurance Law, e.g. – not every state, but several (CA, NJ, MD, CT, MA)
Insurance Company Ratings

• Full collection of A.M. Best Reports dating to 1900

• Historical runs of Duff & Phelps (now Fitch), Moody’s, S&P & Weiss

• Multiple uses
  • Company histories, financial information, structure
  • Company trace (along with directories)
Company Trace

• Find predecessor or successor company when there has been merger, acquisition or other change in name or control

• Find the resolution of a company that is lost in the historical record
Insurance Policy Development

• Standard Fire Policy

• CGL – Easily the most amount of materials for any one policy. High volume of litigation over various provisions.

• SMP – Special Multi-Peril

• Evolution of forms that became the BOP (1987)
Monographs

- Auto Insurance – including first books written on the subject
  - Highway safety
  - Liability systems (tort versus no fault)

- Risk Management

- Insurance Regulation

- White papers, conference reports

- Cybersecurity, InsurTech, Big Data & Analytics
Periodicals

- 100s of titles
- Many current subscriptions, some in print, some online
- Latest and best # articles on X subject
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Research

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