



## UNDERSTANDING LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CALL NUMBERS

Items in most libraries are arranged by *call number*. The call number usually appears on a white label on the book's spine or front cover. The two major call number systems used in United States libraries are the [Dewey Decimal](#) system and the [Library of Congress](#) system.

The Charlotte School of Law Library uses the Library of Congress (LC) system. Each item in the library is labeled with an LC number containing *at least three main parts*, which work together to provide a unique identifier for the item.

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### ELEMENTS OF AN LC NUMBER

**Book Title:** God in the Classroom: Religion and America's Public Schools

**Author:** R. Murray Thomas

**Call Number:** KF 4162 .T44 2007

The three main parts of this call number are:

1. letter or letters (**KF** 4162 .T44 2007)

A single letter represents a broad, general subject.

K = Law

Multiple letters mean a narrower subject within it.

KF = United States law

This part of the call number is arranged alphabetically on the shelves, so J would come before K, which would come before KF.

2. main number (KF **4162** .T44 2007)

The number further defines the subject. In the subject area of law, 4162 means constitutional law. See the table below, KF: United States Law.

To determine the arrangement of the call number on the shelves, read these numbers the way you would count. Therefore, 30 comes before 300, which comes before 3000.

3. One or more Cutter number (KF 4162 **.T44** 2007)

Named after Charles Ami Cutter ("the father of modern cataloging"), this number represents the beginning letter of a person's (author, editor, etc.) last name with a number that places it between other names beginning with the same letter.

Example:

Calamari, John D. = .C26

Thomas, R. Murray = .T44

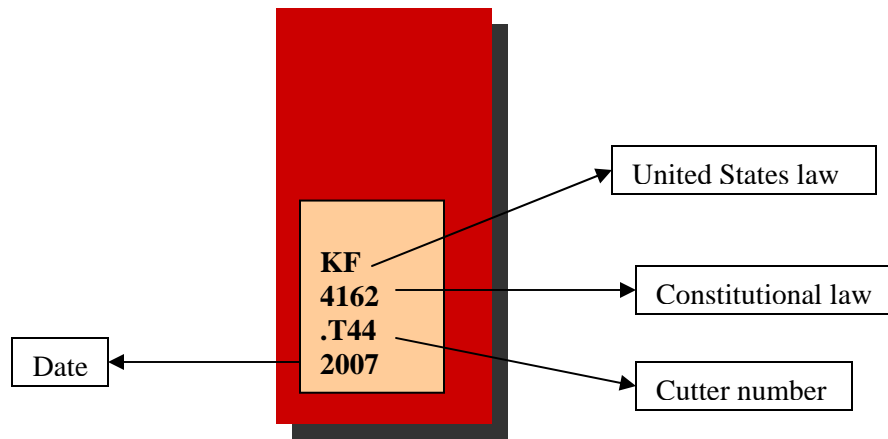


The above number may be preceded by a Cutter number that further divides the subject or gives some information about the form of the item, such as whether it is an outline, form book, or case book.

To determine the arrangement on the shelves, read Cutter numbers the way you would read a decimal: .3 comes before .301, which comes before .31.

The LC number may have additional parts:

1. a date (KF 4162 .T44 **2007**) – The date distinguishes between different editions of the work.
2. a volume number (e.g., KF 801 .C65 v.3A 1960).



## LC CLASSIFICATION: LEGAL MATERIALS

### Class K: Law

K1 – K30	Law reviews and periodicals
K36 – K44	Bibliographies
K46	Book series
K70	Directories (multinational)
K85 – K94	Legal research and writing
K100	Legal education
K115 – K118	Legal profession
K120 – K130	Practice of law
K140 – K165	History of law
K170	Biographies
K183 – K184	Humor
K201 – K487	Legal philosophy, theory, and doctrine
K524 – K525	Treaties and other international agreements
K540 – K7688	Comparative law
KB	Religious law
KD	United Kingdom, Irish law
KE	Canadian law



**KF: United States Law**

KF1-8	Bibliography	1246 – 1327	Torts and personal injuries
156	Law dictionaries	1341 – 1348	Agency
190-195	Directories	1355 – 1480	Business associations, securities
220 – 224	Stories of criminal trials	1501 – 1548	Bankruptcy and creditors' rights
240 – 250	Legal research and writing	1600 – 2940	Regulated industries, antitrust, trade regulation
262 – 292	Legal education	2971 – 3198	Intellectual property, unfair competition
297 – 337	Legal profession, services to the poor	3300 – 3750	Labor law and social legislation
350 – 374	Legal history	3775 – 3813	Environmental law
379 – 382	Jurisprudence and legal philosophy	4501 – 5130	Constitutional law, civil rights
398 – 400	Equity	5300 – 5332	Local government law
410 – 418	Conflict of laws	5500 – 5865	Public land law
501 – 533	Family law	5551 – 5599	Water law
560 – 664	Property and estates in land	5691 – 5470	Urban planning and development
726 – 745	Trusts and trustees	6200 – 6795	Public finance and taxation
749 – 750	Estate planning	7201 – 7755	Military law
753 – 780	Wills, probate, decedents' estates	8201 – 8228	American Indian law
801 – 869	Contracts	8700 – 8807	Judicial administration
871 – 1240	Commercial transactions	8810 – 9075	Civil procedure, federal practice, trials
1096 – 1137	Admiralty and maritime law	8931 – 8964	Evidence
1146 – 1238	Insurance	9201 – 9760	Criminal law and procedure, penology

**KFA – KFW: Law of Individual States**

KFA 0 – 599	Alabama	KFM 9000 – 9599	Montana
KFA 1200 – 1799	Alaska	KFN 0 – 599	Nebraska
KFA 2400 – 2999	Arizona	KFN 600 – 1199	Nevada
KFA 3600 – 4199	Arkansas	KFN 1200 – 1799	New Hampshire
KFC 0 – 1199	California	KFN 1800 – 2399	New Jersey
KFC 1800 – 2399	Colorado	KFN 3600 – 4199	New Mexico
KFC 3600 – 4199	Connecticut	KFN 5000 – 6199	New York
KFD 0-599	Delaware	KFN 7400 – 7999	North Carolina
KFD 1200 – 1799	D.C.	KFN 8600 – 9199	North Dakota
KFF 0 – 599	Florida	KFO 0 – 599	Ohio
KFG 0 – 599	Georgia	KFO 1200 – 1799	Oklahoma
KFH 0 – 599	Hawaii	KFO 2400 – 2999	Oregon
KFI 0 – 599	Idaho	KFP 0 – 599	Pennsylvania
KFI 1200 – 1799	Illinois	KFR 0 – 599	Rhode Island
KFI 3000 – 3599	Indiana	KFS 1800 – 2399	South Carolina
KFI 4200 – 4799	Iowa	KFS 3000 – 3599	South Dakota
KFK 0 – 599	Kansas	KFT 0 – 599	Tennessee
KFK 1200 – 1799	Kentucky	KFT 1200 – 1799	Texas
KFL 0 – 599	Louisiana	KFU 0 – 599	Utah
KFM 0 – 599	Maine	KFV 0 – 599	Vermont
KFM 1200 – 1799	Maryland	KFV 2400 – 2999	Virginia
KFM 2400 – 2999	Massachusetts	KFW 0 – 599	Washington



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KFM 4200 – 4799	Michigan	KFW 1200 – 1799	West Virginia
KFM 5400 – 5999	Minnesota	KFW 2400 – 2999	Wisconsin
KFM 6600 – 7199	Mississippi	KFW 4200 – 4799	Wyoming
KFM 7800 – 8399	Missouri		

### **KG – KZ: Foreign and International Law**

KG – KHW	Latin America, Caribbean	KZ 1234 – 1236	International legal research
KJ – KKZ	Continental Europe	KZ 3900 – 5490	International legal community
KM – KMY	Middle East, SW Asia	KZ 5510 – 6299	Law of peace, peace enforcement
KN – KPW	South, East, SE Asia	KZ 6350 – 6785	International disputes, law of war
KQ – KTZ	Africa	KZA	Law of the sea
KU – KUQ	Australia, New Zealand	KZD	Space law
KV – KWW	South Pacific		