

WHAT IS A CALL NUMBER?

Call numbers are codes, made up of letters and numbers. Call number labels are attached to book spines, and the books are then shelved in alpha-numerical order. This ordering scheme groups similar materials together on the library shelves. It is useful to have a basic understanding of the principles of call number subject classification. The call number system used in this library is described below.

The University of Idaho Law Library uses a call number scheme developed by the Library of Congress (LC). The first part of an LC call number consists of a letter, called a “class letter,” which is assigned to a broad area of knowledge. For example, the topic “Geography” is assigned the letter “G.” The letter “J” is assigned to Political Science, “K” to Law, “M” to Music, etc.

Studies in the Law of Torts by Francis H. Bohlen, another treatise on the same topic, is shelved nearby at :

KF
1250
B6

Gathering the Tort Law titles in the vicinity of KF 1250 allows easy browsing of the library's collection of Tort Law.

Let's use the "K" (Law) class to illustrate shelving order in more detail. The initial sort is alphabetical: K class books follow J (Politics and Political Science) class books; KF follows KE; KFA-KFX follows KF;

GENERAL CALL NUMBER LOCATIONS

ACCOUNTING	KF 1357	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	KF 2979-2980
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	KF 5401-5425	JURISPRUDENCE	K 210-487
AGENCY & PARTNERSHIP	KF 1341-1381		KF 379-382
AGRICULTURAL LAW	KF 1681-1755	JUVENILE LAW (CRIMINAL)	KF 9771-9827
ANTITRUST	KF 1600-1666	LABOR LAW	KF 3315-3615
APPELLATE PROCEDURE		LAND USE PLANNING	KF 5691-5710
CIVIL	KF 9050-9058	LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT	KF 318-320
CRIMINAL	KF 9690	LEGAL HISTORY (U.S.)	KF 350-374
ATTORNEY & CLIENT	KF 311-314	LEGAL PROFESSION	KF 297-334
BANKING	KF 966-1032	LEGAL RESEARCH	KF 240-246
BANKRUPTCY	KF 1500-1525	LEGAL WRITING	KF 250
BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS		LEGISLATION	KF 425
AGENCY	KF 1341-1348		KF 4833-4950
CORPORATIONS	KF 1384-1480	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	KF 5300-5332
PARTNERSHIPS	KF 1371-1380	MEDIA LAW	KF 2750
CIVIL PROCEDURE	KF 8810-9086	MINING LAW	KF 1818-1819
CIVIL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES	KF 4741-4788	NATURAL RESOURCES	KF 5505-5508
COMMERCIAL LAW	KF 871-890	PATENTS	KF 3091-3165
COMMUNITY PROPERTY	KF 526	PRODUCTS LIABILITY	KF 1296-1325
COMPARATIVE LAW	K 540-5570	PROFESSIONAL	
COMPUTER LAW	KF 242, 390, 1890	RESPONSIBILITY	KF 305-310
CONFLICT OF LAWS	KF 410-418	PROPERTY	KF 560-720
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	KF 4501-5130	PUBLIC LANDS	KF 5601-5677
CONSUMER CREDIT	KF 1039-1040	REAL ESTATE	
CONSUMER PROTECTION	KF 1601	FINANCE	KF 670-705
CONTRACTS	KF 801-1241	TAXATION	KF 6535-6540
COPYRIGHT	KF 2986-3086	REMEDIES	KF 9010-9070
CREDITOR'S RIGHTS	KF 1050	RESTATEMENTS OF LAW	KF 395
	KF 1501	SALES	KF 911-935
CRIMINAL LAW	KF 9201-9461	SECURED TRANSACTIONS	KF 1050
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE	KF 9601-9760		KF 1501
EDUCATION LAW	KF 4101-4258	SECURITIES	KF 1066-1087
ENERGY LAW	KF 2120-2140		KF 1431-1457
	KF 4280	SOCIAL SECURITY	KF 3641-3664
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	KF 1298	SPORTS LAW	KF 3989
	KF 3775	TAX	KF 6271-6795
ESTATE		TORTS	KF 1246-1327
ADMINISTRATION	KF 774-779	TRADEMARKS	KF 3176-3192
PLANNING	KF 746-750	TRIAL PRACTICE	
TAX PLANNING	KF 6576-6585	CIVIL	KF 8911-8925
EVIDENCE	KF 8931-8968	CRIMINAL	KF 9656-9657
FAMILY LAW	KF 501-553	TRUSTS	KF 726-745
FEDERAL COURTS	KF 8700-8807	UNFAIR COMPETITION	KF 3195-3198
FORMBOOKS		UCC	KF 871-890
DRAFTING	KF 179	REAL ESTATE	
PLEADING	KF 8835-8935		
FUTURE INTERESTS	KF 604-615		
HEALTH LAW	KF 3800		
IDAHO MATERIALS	KFI 0-599		
IMMIGRATION LAW	KF 4812-4820		
INDIAN LAW	KF 8201-8228		
INSURANCE LAW	KF 1146-1238		
INTERNATIONAL LAW	JX and KZ		