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# The Indiana University Maurer School of Law Digital Repository: A Snapshot of the First Two Years (2011/12 & 2012/13)

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## **Introduction:**

After several months of planning and development, the Indiana University Maurer School of Law Library's Institutional Repository (IR) was unveiled at the end of October, 2011. The IR is designed to collect and preserve the scholarship, publications, and archival material of Maurer Law and to provide global access to these materials.

This report documents the development and use of the repository between June 2, 2011, when the law library began loading documents into the IR, and August 31, 2013. For comparison, the period has been broken down into two "academic years" ending on August 31. The first year is somewhat skewed because of the four month period when we were loading documents into the IR prior to "going live" on October 26, 2011. As such, the second year is likely more representative of a typical year, both in terms of materials loaded into the IR and the number of items downloaded. Future reports will document this September 1 to August 31 time period.

## **What is an Institutional Repository?**

An institutional repository is an online resource for collecting, preserving, and disseminating the intellectual output of the host institution. Materials loaded into the repository are available to anyone, anywhere, via open access technologies. Access to the repository collection may be gained by visiting the repository (<http://www.repository.law.indiana.edu/>) or, more likely in a research environment, by searching the web via a search engine. Metadata, added to the material by the library, combined with technology enhancements created by the repository's developer ([Bepress](#)), result in exceptionally high rates of web discovery.

## **What does the Maurer IR contain?**

The IR is a constantly evolving site. To date, eight categories of materials (known as Collections) are housed in the IR – Faculty Scholarship; Student Scholarship; Law School Journals; Law School Publications; Law School History & Archives; Law Library Publications; Lectures, Conferences, and Events; and SelectedWorks Gallery. Each collection may contain subcategories of materials and not all of the collections were populated by August 31, 2013.

## **Year 1: June 2, 2011 – August 31, 2012**

Populating the IR was the library's main priority during the IR's first year of existence. We emphasized two collections in particular, Faculty Scholarship and Law School Journals. By the end of the year, 688 faculty authored articles, primarily from law reviews, were loaded into the system. Additionally, 4,272 articles from the *Indiana Law Journal* and the *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* were loaded. Maurer's e-only journal, *IP Theory* was transferred over from the Wells Library's ScholarWorks site and at year's end 16 articles were residing in the IR. More than 700 issues of the school's non-law journal publications were also loaded, as were the complete run (71 issues) of the law library's newsletter *Res Ipsa Loquitur*. [See table 1 for details]

It didn't take long for these materials to be found by researchers around the world. By August 31, 2012 documents in the IR had been downloaded 247,615 times. [See table 2 for details] While most downloads came from users in the United States, 70,735 downloads came from

outside the US. The top five countries, excluding the US, that downloaded items were: the United Kingdom: (10,696), India (8,499), Canada (5,786), Australia (5,298), and the Philippines (3,239).

The most downloaded documents during the first year included:

- **Most downloaded Faculty Scholarship article:** [“The Uneasy Case for Adverse Possession,”](#) by Jeff Stake (*Georgetown Law Journal*, v.89 no. 8, 2001), downloaded 549 times.
- **Most downloaded *Indiana Law Journal* article:** [“Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics? Structured Settlements, Factoring, and the Federal Government,”](#) by Laura J. Koenig (*Note* from v.82 no.3, 2007), downloaded 1,965 times.
- **Most downloaded *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* article:** [“Women's Employment Rights in China: Creating Harmony for Women in the Workplace,”](#) by Jamie Burnett (*Note* from v.17 no.2, 2010), downloaded 1,142 times.
- **Most downloaded *IP Theory* article:** [“The Criminalization of the Theft of Trade Secrets: An Analysis of the Economic Espionage Act,”](#) by Nicola Searle (Article from v.2 no.2, 2012), downloaded 608 times.

The most downloaded documents for the entire year, regardless of collection were:

- [“Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics? Structured Settlements, Factoring, and the Federal Government,”](#) by Laura J. Koenig, *Indiana Law Journal*, v.82 no.3 (2007), 1,965 downloads.
- [“Drug Testing and Welfare: Taking the Drug War to Unconstitutional Limits?,”](#) by Philippa M. Guthrie, *Indiana Law Journal*, v.66 no.2 (1991), 1,737 downloads.
- [“Women's Employment Rights in China: Creating Harmony for Women in the Workplace,”](#) by Jamie Burnett, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, v.17 no.2 (2010), 1,142 downloads.
- [“The Globalization of Baseball: Major League Baseball and the Mistreatment of Latin American Baseball Talent,”](#) by David Fidler and Arturo J. Marcano, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* v.6 no.2 (1999), 1,140 downloads.
- [“The Suppression of a Saggin' Expression: Exploring the "Saggy Pants" Style Within a First Amendment Context,”](#) by Onika K. Williams, *Indiana Law Journal* v.85 no.3 (2010), 1,020 downloads.

## **Year 2: September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013**

Our priority for the second year was to finish loading the back runs of the school's law journals, including the 18 volumes of the *Federal Communications Law Journal* that were published at Maurer between 1994 and 2012. In addition, another new e-only journal, *Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality*, began publishing on the IR's platform during the year and while only 6 articles were available by the end of the year, all future articles will automatically be preserved

in the IR. Also, 6 articles were added to the SelectedWorks collection when a faculty member created his own SelectedWorks page. [See table 1 for details]

The real growth in the collection was not in how many new documents were added to the IR in the second year, as that number was expected to be smaller, but rather in the download figures. All collections saw increased download numbers in 2012/13 over 2011/12. The top three remained the *Indiana Law Journal* (337,670 downloads), the *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* (79,441 downloads) and the *Faculty Scholarship* collection (59,382 downloads). [See table 2 for details] Similarly, the top five countries to download documents from the IR, excluding the US, remained the United Kingdom (16,775), India (14,817), Canada (9,223), Australia (6,766) and the Philippines (6,632).

By the end of the second year the most downloaded documents, regardless of when they were loaded into the IR, were:

- **Most downloaded Faculty Scholarship article:** "[The Uneasy Case for Adverse Possession](#)" by Jeff Stake (*Georgetown Law Journal* v.89 no. 8, 2001), downloaded 2,117
- **Most downloaded *Indiana Law Journal* article:** "[Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics? Structured Settlements, Factoring, and the Federal Government](#)," by Laura J. Koenig (v.82 no.3, 2007), downloaded 5,328 times.
- **Most downloaded *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* article:** "[Globalization of Markets and Its Impact on Domestic Institutions](#)," by S. Tamer Cavusgil (v.1 no.1, 1993), downloaded 4,026 times.
- **Most downloaded *IP Theory* article:** "[The Criminalization of the Theft of Trade Secrets: An Analysis of the Economic Espionage Act](#)" by Nicola Searle (v.2 no.3, 2012), downloaded 1,148 times.
- **Most downloaded *Federal Communications Law Journal* article:** "[Pornography Drives Technology: Why Not to Censor the Internet](#)," by Peter Johnson (v.49 no.1, 1996), downloaded 422 times.
- **Most downloaded *Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality* article:** "[Rights of Belonging for Women](#)," by Rebecca E. Zietlow (v.1 no.1, 2013), downloaded 58 times.

The five most downloaded documents of all time, regardless of collection, were:

- "[Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics? Structured Settlements, Factoring, and the Federal Government](#)," by Laura J. Koenig, *Indiana Law Journal*, v.82 no.3 (2007), downloaded 5,328 times.
- "[The Morality of Law, by Lon L. Fuller](#)," reviewed by Edwin W. Tucker, *Indiana Law Journal*, v.40 no.2 (1965), downloaded 4,158 times.
- "[Drug Testing and Welfare: Taking the Drug War to Unconstitutional Limits?](#)" by Philippa M. Guthrie, *Indiana Law Journal* v.66 no.2 (1991), 4,067downloads.
- "[Globalization of Markets and Its Impact on Domestic Institutions](#)," by S. Tamer Cavusgil, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, v.1 no.1 (1993), downloaded 4,026 times

- [“The Retributive Theory of "Just Desserts" and Victim Participation in Plea Bargaining,”](#) by David A. Starkweather, *Indiana Law Journal*, v.67 no.3 (1992), downloaded 3,254 times.

### **A Look Ahead:**

As we head into 2013/14 it seems certain that our one millionth download will occur in the next few months. Each download represents an opportunity for the scholarship of the Maurer School of Law to reach a new audience and influence legal scholars and legal systems across the globe. The library hopes to expand the IR in the coming year and have already started populating the Student Scholarship and Lectures collections. The possibilities of loading audio and video files into the IR are being investigated, as is the possibility of adding other forms of Faculty Scholarship beside just articles. Regardless of the format, the IR will continue collecting, preserving, and disseminating the intellectual output of Maurer Law while making that output available to the world.

[See Statistical Tables on Next Page]

TABLE 1: Quantity Loaded into the IR by the Law Library				
Collection	Sub-Collection	Loaded 2011/12	Loaded 2012/13	Total as of 8/31/2013
Faculty Scholarship	Articles	688	67	755
Student Scholarship	Articles (coming in 2013/14)	0	0	0
Law Journals	<i>Federal Communications Law Journal</i> (articles)	0	627	627
	<i>Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies</i> (articles)	463	27	490
	<i>Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality</i> (articles)	0	6	6
	<i>Indiana Law Journal</i> (articles)	3,809	576	4,385
	<i>IP Theory</i> (articles)	16	12	28
	Law Journals Sub-Total:	4,288	1,248	5,536
Law School Publications	<i>Alumni News</i>	4	0	4
	<i>Alumni Update</i>	4	0	4
	<i>Bill of Particulars</i>	53	0	53
	<i>Ergo</i>	4	12	16
	<i>Exordium</i>	34	0	34
	<i>Indiana Law</i>	3	0	3
	<i>Indiana Law Annotated</i>	609	26	635
	<i>Indiana Law Update</i>	49	0	49
	<i>IU Law Update</i>	12	0	12
	<i>I-Witness</i> (coming in 2013/14)	0	0	0
	Law School Publications Sub-Total:	772	38	810
Law School History & Archives		0	0	0
Law Library Publications	<i>Res Ipsa Loquitur</i>	71	0	71
Lectures, Conferences, and Events	Lectures (coming in 2013/14)	0	0	0
SelectedWorks Gallery		0	6	6
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>5,819</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>7,178</b>

TABLE 2: Quantity Downloaded from the IR by Online Users (running total)				
Collection	Sub-Collection	Downloaded in 2011/2012	Downloaded in 2012/2013	Cumulative Downloads as of 8/31/2013
Faculty Scholarship	Articles	25,694	59,382	85,076
Student Scholarship	Articles (coming in 2013/14)	0	0	0
Law Journals	<i>Federal Communications Law Journal (articles)</i>	0	11,963	11,963
	<i>Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies (articles)</i>	58,644	79,441	138,085
	<i>Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality (articles)</i>	0	248	248
	<i>Indiana Law Journal (articles)</i>	157,255	337,670	494,925
	<i>IP Theory (articles)</i>	1,638	4,263	5,901
	Law Journals Sub-Total:	217,537	433,585	651,122
Law School Publications	<i>Alumni News</i>	19	74	93
	<i>Alumni Update</i>	114	447	561
	<i>Bill of Particulars</i>	2,647	4,056	6,703
	<i>Ergo</i>	184	647	831
	<i>Exordium</i>	301	451	752
	<i>Indiana Law</i>	8	42	50
	<i>Indiana Law Annotated</i>	619	3,029	3,648
	<i>Indiana Law Update</i>	237	633	870
	<i>IU Law Update</i>	178	554	732
	<i>I-Witness (coming in 2013/14)</i>	0	0	0
	Law School Publications Sub-Total:	4,307	9,933	14,240
Law School History & Archives		0	0	0
Law Library Publications	<i>Res Ipsa Loquitur</i>	77	367	444
Lectures, Conferences, and Events	Lectures (coming in 2013/14)	0		0
SelectedWorks Gallery		0	0	0
TOTALS:		247,615	503,267	750,882