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#### LIBRARIES OF LAW FIRMS AND CORPORATE LEGAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

The findings of recent survey, conducted by the *Legal Times of Washington* (one of the United States legal newspapers with a national circulation), indicates that a large proportion of the major law firms in this country spend between US \$100,000 and US \$200,000 annually on their libraries. A majority of large corporations spend between US \$50,000 and US \$100,000 on the libraries of their law department. Nevertheless, the *Legal Times of Washington* concludes (in its issue of June 23, 1980) that "the nation's premier law firms and corporate law departments still allocate an extremely small portion of their resources to the law library and legal research".

The survey was conducted among the countries 50 largest law firms and 25 largest corporate law departments (as well as 10 biggest law firms in Washington, D.C.).

The same issue of the newspaper contains an article on the role of librarians and information specialists in law firms, and another article, authored by George S. Grossman of Northwestern University Law Library in Chicago, on cataloging of law books by computer.