Quick Guide to Schiller Classification

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Introduction

The Schiller system is a locally-developed system for classifying foreign, comparative, pre-literate, ancient, medieval, and religious law materials. A call number in the Schiller classification system is comprised of an abbreviation to designate a legal system, followed by a number indicating the specific subject area within the system.

Foreign Law

Foreign Law call numbers begin with an abbreviation of the governing body or region. For example, Af Eth is the start of call numbers for materials on Ethiopian law. Pol is the start of call numbers for Polish law, and Sau is the start of call numbers for Saudi Arabian law. The appendix to this document is a complete list of Schiller foreign law areas.

Comparative Law

The Comp class for modern comparative law is used for materials that compare two or more modern legal systems. It is also used for materials that compare a modern system with an ancient or medieval one.

The only exceptions are materials that compare systems within the African region which use Af for African law, and materials that compare systems within Latin America which use Sp.A for Latin American law.
**Ancient Law**

Ancient law classification is broken down as follows:

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<th>A</th>
<th>Ancient law</th>
<th>Materials combining or comparing two or more ancient legal systems.</th>
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<tr>
<td>A.Ch</td>
<td>Chinese law</td>
<td>The legal system of ancient, medieval, and early modern China, Japan, Korea, etc. up to the introduction of European law in 1912 A.D.</td>
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<td>A.Cun</td>
<td>Cuneiform law</td>
<td>Law within cultures using cuneiform characters, such Assyrian, Babylonian, Hittite, Sumerian.</td>
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<td>A.Eg</td>
<td>Egyptian law</td>
<td>Law of ancient Egypt until Hellenistic times and Alexander in 332 B.C.</td>
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<td>A.Gr</td>
<td>Greek law</td>
<td>Greek law until Hellenistic times and Alexander in 332 B.C.</td>
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<td>A.Hel</td>
<td>Hellenistic law</td>
<td>Law of the eastern Mediterranean beginning with Alexander and primarily reflected in Greco-Roman Egypt.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rom</td>
<td>Roman law</td>
<td>The legal system of the Roman state, from the foundation of the city to Justinian, and then continuing to the renascence of Roman law in the West, and to the fall of Constantinople in the East in 1204 A.D.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A.Sas</td>
<td>Sassanian law</td>
<td>Sassanian or Parthian (Persian) law of the period contemporaneous to Hellenistic law, approximately 212-651 A.D.</td>
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**Medieval Law**

Schiller’s Medieval law class contains European legal systems from medieval times to the early modern period which are not included in modern or ancient law areas. The breakdown is as follows:

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<td>European law</td>
<td>Works of general medieval and early modern (to ca. 1800) application, and for works covering both civil and ecclesiastical law.</td>
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<td>M.A</td>
<td>Germanic law</td>
<td>The law of Germanic peoples from earliest times to 888 A.D., as well as Lombard compilations of later dates (Alamannic, Burgundian, Ripuarian, Salic, Saxon, Visigothic).</td>
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<td>M.Bel</td>
<td>Belgian law</td>
<td>The law of Belgium before 1794.</td>
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<td>M.Fr</td>
<td>French law</td>
<td>The law of medieval and early modern France to 1789.</td>
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<td>M.Ger</td>
<td>German law</td>
<td>The law of Germany to 1806 and the law of Austria, including Bohemia and Moravia, to 1811.</td>
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<td>M.It</td>
<td>Italian law</td>
<td>Medieval and early modern Italian law before 1796.</td>
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<td>M.Neth</td>
<td>Netherlands law</td>
<td>Netherlands law before 1795.</td>
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<td>M.Por</td>
<td>Portuguese law</td>
<td>Portuguese law before 1826.</td>
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<tr>
<td>M.Sc</td>
<td>Scandinavian law</td>
<td>For works on general Scandinavian law. Early law of single countries is classed under those countries, for example, Nor for Norwegian law or Swe for Swedish law.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M.SL</td>
<td>Slavic law</td>
<td>Similar to Scandinavian law, with medieval and early modern works on general Slavic law classed here, while works on the law in individual countries are classed within each country.</td>
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<td>M.Sp</td>
<td>Spanish law</td>
<td>Spanish law before 1808.</td>
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<td>M.Swi</td>
<td>Swiss law</td>
<td>Swiss law before approximately 1800.</td>
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Pre-Literate Law

Pre-literate or primitive law includes the laws of peoples at the early stages of their civilizations.

Pr  General pre-literate law
Pr1.5  European
Pr2  Asian
Pr3  African
Pr4  North American
Pr5  South American
Pr6  Southeast Asian, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaya, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam
Pr7  Australian, Melanesian, New Guinea
Pr8  Polynesian, Micronesian
Pr9  Arctic, Antarctic

Religious Law

Buddh  Buddhist law  Buddhist religious law.
Eccl  Ecclesiastical law  Roman Catholic law, and also the ecclesiastical law of the Eastern churches and Protestant church law.
Hin  Hindu law  Brahmian law, particularly of India, but not to modern Anglo-Indian law.
Islam  Islamic law  Islamic law from Mohammed to the present time, wherever found, in East Indies, Asia, Africa, or Europe. Does not include the state law of Islamic countries like Syria, etc.
Jew  Jewish law  The biblical, talmudic, and rabbinical law of the Jews from the earliest times to the present day.
**Breakdown of Topical Divisions**

The subject divisions within legal systems are shown in the table below. The numbers for a given subject division apply across all countries and legal systems covered by the Schiller classification system. This fact makes searches by call number a good and quick way to find materials in the same subject area across different legal systems.

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<td>Commercial Law</td>
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<td>Court Reports &amp; Digests</td>
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<td>Civil Procedure</td>
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<td>Public Documents</td>
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Appendix: Alphabetical List of Foreign Law Prefixes

Af African law
Af AL Algerian law
Af An Angola law
   Basutoland law see Lesotho law
   Bechuana law see Botswana law
Af Ben Benin law
   [former Dahomey law]
Af Bots Botswana law
Af BuF Burkina Faso law
   [former Upper Volta law]
Af Bur Burundi law
Af Cam Cameroon law
Af Cent.R Central African Republic law
Af Chad Chad law
Af Con Congo (Democratic Republic) law
   [former Belgian Congo law]
Af Con.R Congo (Brazzaville) law
   [former French Congo law]
   Dahomey law see Benin law
Af E.A East African law
Af Eri Eritrean law
Af Eth Ethiopian law
Af Fr.A Union africaine et malgache law
Af Fr.Eq French Equatorial African law
Af Fr.W French West African law
   (from 1895 to 1958)
Af Gab Gabon law
Af Gam Gambia law
Af Gha Ghana law
Af Gui Guinea law
Af Gui.B Guinea-Bissau law
Af HCT High Commission Territories law
Af Iv.C Ivory Coast law
Af Ken Kenya law
Af Les Lesotho law
Af Lib Liberian law
Af Libya Libyan law
Af Mal Madagascar law
   [former Malagasi Republic law, 1958-1976]
   Malagasy Republic law see Madagascar law
Af Malw Malawi law
   [see also Nyasaland]
Af Mali Mali law
Af Maur Mauritanian law
Af Maur.Is Mauritius law
Af Mor  Moroccan law
Af Moz  Mozambique law
Af Nam  Namibian law
Af Nig  Nigerian law
Af Nig.R  Niger law
Af Ny  Nyasaland law
                     [see also Malawi law]
Af R&N  Rhodesia and Nyasaland law
                     [see also Malawi law]
                     [see also Zambia law]
                     [see also Zimbabwe law]
Af Rh  Rhodesia (Northern) law
                             see also Zambia law]
Af Rw  Rwanda law
Af S.R  Rhodesia (Southern) law
                             [see also Zimbabwe law]
Af SaT  Sao Tome and Principe law
Af Sen  Senegal law
Af Si.L  Sierra Leone law
Af Som  Somalia law
South African law - use So.Af
Southwest African law see Namibian law
Af Sud  Sudanese law
Af Swazi  Swaziland law
Af Tan  Tanzanian law
Tanganyikan law [incl. Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar]
                             [see also Zanzibar law]
Af Tog  Togo law
Af Tun  Tunisian law
Af UAS  Union of African States law
Upper Volta law see Burkina Faso law
Af Ug  Uganda law
Af W.A  West African law
Zaire law see Congo (Democratic Republic) law
Af Zam  Zambian law
Af Zan  Zanzibar law
                             [see also Tanganyikan law]
Af Zim  Zimbabwe law
                             [see also Rhodesia (Southern) law]
Afg  Afghanistan law
Alb  Albanian law
And  Andorran law
Ang  Anguilla law
Ant  Antigua and Barbuda law
Arm  Armenian law
Aus  Austrian law
                             [from 1811; before 1811 use M.Ger]
Aze Azerbaijan law
Bah Bahamas law
Bahr Bahrain law
Ban Bangladesh law
Bar Barbados law
Bel Belgian law
[from 1794]
Bela Belarus (Byelorussian) law
Ber Bermuda Islands law
Bhu Bhutanese law
Bos Bosnia and Hercegovina law
Bru Brunei law
BrV British Virgin Islands law
Bul Bulgarian law
Bur Burmese law
Cam Cambodian law
CaV Cape Verde law
Cay.Is Cayman Islands law
Ceylon law see Sri Lanka law
Ch Chinese law (Modern)
[from 1912 to 1949]
Ch.HK Hong Kong law
Ch.M Manchurian law
Ch.P Chinese law (People's Republic)
for mainland China from 1949]
Ch.R Chinese law (Republic)
[from Taiwan from 1949]
Cro Croatian law
Cyp Cyprus law
Cz Czechoslovakian law
Cze Czech Republic law
Danz Danzig law
Den Denmark law
Dutch law see Netherlands law
Dom Dominica law
E.Tim East Timor law
Eg Egyptian law (Modern)
El Salvador law see Sp.Sal
Est Estonian law
Fa.Is Falkland Islands law
Fiji Fiji law
Fin Finnish law
French Guiana see Fr; for British Guyna see Guy
Fr French law
[from 1789]
Geo Georgia (Republic) law
Ger German law
[from 1806 to 1949 and from Oct. 3, 1990]
Germany (West) law
[from 1949 through Oct. 2, 1990]
**Ger.D** Germany (East) law
[from 1949 through Oct. 2, 1990]
**Gib** Gibraltar law
**Gr** Greek law (Modern)
**Gren** Grenada law
**Guy** Guyana law (British)
[for French Guiana see Fr]
Holland law see Netherlands law
**Hun** Hungarian law

Hong Kong law see Ch.HK
**Ice** Icelandic law
**Ind** Indian law
**IndCh** Indochinese law
[to include Annamite, Cochin Chinese, Tongking]
**Indo** Indonesian law
**Iran** Iranian law
**Iraq** Iraq law
**Is** Israeli law
**It** Italian law
[from 1796]
**Jam** Jamaica law
**Jor** Jordan law
**Jpn** Japanese law
**Jugo** Yugoslav law
Serbia and Montenegro law [through 2006]
Kampuchea law see Cambodia law
**Kaz** Kazakhstan law
**Kiri** Kiribati law
**Kor** Korean law (South)
**Kor.P** Korean law (North)
**Kos** Kosovar law
**Kuw** Kuwait law
**Kyr** Kyrgyzstan law
**Laos** Laos law
**Lat** Latvian law
Latin American law see Spanish American law
**Leb** Lebanon law
**Lee.Is** Leeward Islands law
**LeW.Is** Leeward and Windward Islands law
**Lie** Liechtenstein law
**Lit** Lithuanian law
**Lux** Luxemburg law
**Mac** Macedonian law
Mal Malaysian law
Malta Malta law
  Manchurian law see Ch.M
Mar.Is Marshall Islands law
Mic Micronesian law
Mold Moldova law
Mon Monacan law
Mong Mongolian law
Mont Montenegro law
Monts Montserrat law
Nau Nauru law
Nep Nepalese law
Neth Netherlands law
  [from 1795]
  New Guinea law see Papua New Guinea law
No.Mar Northern Mariana Islands law
Nor Norwegian law
Om Oman law
PaG Papua New Guinea law
Pak Pakistan law
Pal Palestinian National Authority
Palau Palau law
  Persian law see Iranian law
Phil Philippine law
  Philippine Islands law [before 1947]
Pol Polish law
Por Portuguese law
  [from 1826]
Ro Romanian law
  Rumanian law see Romanian law
Rus Russian law
  [before Nov. 7, 1917]
Rus.F Russian law (Federation)
  [after Dec. 12, 1991]
Rus.S Russian law (Soviet)
  [from Nov. 7, 1917 through Dec. 12, 1991]
  Saint Kitts-Nevis law see StKN
  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines law see StVG
Sam Samoa law
Sau Saudi Arabian law
Ser Serbian law
  [from 2006]
  Serbia and Montenegro law [through 2006], see: Jugo
Sey Seychelles law
  Siamese law see Thailand law
Sin Singapore law
Slova Slovak law
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