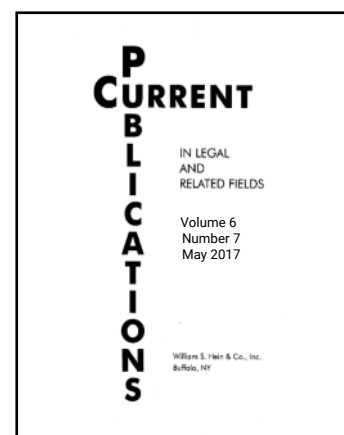# CURRENT PUBLICATIONS IN LEGAL AND RELATED FIELDS

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Collection development, a fundamental responsibility of librarianship, is a complicated and fluid process. As we know all too well, the sheer volume of materials published today has increased disproportionately to most of our acquisitions budgets. Additionally, the format choices from which to make selection decisions have exploded, and the traditional printed page is no longer necessarily the preferred format.

Over the past decade there has been a decisive shift in the quantity and type of material purchased by academic law librarians. Budget constraints have had a significant influence on collections. Few institutions have been spared the difficult task of having to make hard decisions about what should be acquired and what material can be skipped or dropped. For example, some librarians now acquire monographs only if requested or based on interlibrary loan statistics.

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