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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, **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 **Lat.A** for Latin American law.
### Ancient Law

Ancient law classification is broken down as follows:

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<td>A</td>
<td>Ancient law</td>
<td>Materials combining or comparing two or more ancient legal systems.</td>
</tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<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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<tr>
<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>
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<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>M</td>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M.Bel</td>
<td>Belgian law</td>
<td>The law of Belgium before 1794.</td>
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<tr>
<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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<tr>
<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>
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<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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<tr>
<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 Buddh Buddhist law  Buddhist religious law.
Eccl Eccl Ecclesiastical law  Roman Catholic law, and also the ecclesiastical law of the Eastern churches and Protestant church law.
Hin Hin Hindu law  Brahmin law, particularly of India, but not to modern Anglo-Indian law.
Islam 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 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>Civil Procedure</td>
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Af African law
Af Con.R Congo (Brazzaville) law
    [former French Congo law]
    Dahomey law see Benin law
Af E.A East African 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 HCT High Commission Territories law
Afg Afghanistan law
AL Algerian law
Alb Albanian law
An Angola law
    Basutoland law, see: Lesotho law
    Bechuanaland law, see: Botswana law
And Andorran law
Ang Anguilla law
Ant Antigua and Barbuda law
Arg Argentine law
Arm Armenian law
Aus Austrian law
    [from 1811; before 1811 use M.Ger]
Aze Azerbaijan law
Bah Bahamas law
Bahr Bahrain law
Bahr Bahrain law
Bahr Bahrain law
Ban Bangladesh law
Bar Barbados law
Be Belize law
Bel Belgian law
    [from 1794]
Bela Belarus (Byelorussian) law
Ben Benin law
    [former Dahomey law]
Ber Bermuda Islands law
Bhu Bhutanese law
Bol Bolivian law
Bos Bosnia and Herzegovina law
Bots Botswana law
Br Brazilian law
Bru Brunei law
BrV British Virgin Islands law
BuF Burkina Faso law
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[former Upper Volta law]

**Bul** Bulgarian law

**Bur** Burmese law

**Buru** Burundi law

**Cam** Cambodian law

**Came** Cameroon law

**CaV** Cape Verde law

**Cay.Is** Cayman Islands law

**Cent.R** Central African Republic 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)

[for Taiwan from 1949]

**Chad** Chad law

**Chil** Chilean law

**Col** Colombian law

**Con** Congo (Democratic Republic) law

**Cos** Costa Rican law

**Cro** Croatian law

**Cu** Cuban law

**Cyp** Cyprus law

**Cz** Czechoslovakian law

[to Dec. 31, 1992]

**Cze** Czech Republic law

[from 1993]

**Danz** Danzig law

**Den** Denmark law

Dutch law see Netherlands law

**Dom** Dominica law

**DomR** Dominican Republic law

**E.Tim** East Timor law

**Ec** Ecuador law

**Eg** Egyptian law (Modern)

El Salvador law see Sal

**Eri** Eritrean law

**Est** Estonian law

**Eswa** Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) law

**Eth** Ethiopian law

**Fa.Is** Falkland Islands law

**Fiji** Fiji law

**Fin** Finnish law

French Guiana see Fr; for British Guyana see Guy
Fr French law
  [from 1789]
Gab Gabon law
Gam Gambia law
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]
Gha Ghana law
Gib Gibraltar law
Gr Greek law (Modern)
Gren Grenada law
Gua Guatemala law
Gui Guinea law
Gui.B Guinea-Bissau law
Guy Guyana law (British)
  [for French Guiana see Fr]
Hai Haiti law
  Holland law see Netherlands law
Hon Honduras 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]
Iv.C Ivory Coast law
Jam Jamaica law
Jor Jordan law
Jpn Japanese law
Jugo Yugoslav law
Ken Kenya law
  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
Lat.A Latin American law
[incl. Spanish American and Central American law]
Leb Lebanon law
Lee.Is Leeward Islands law
Les Lesotho law
LeW.Is Leeward and Windward Islands law
Lib Liberian law
Libya Libyan law
Lie Liechtenstein law
Lit Lithuanian law
Lux Luxemburg law
Mad Madagascar law
[former Malagasi Republic law, 1958-1976]
Malagasy Republic law see Madagascar law
Mal Malaysian law
Mali Malian law
Malta Malta law
Malw Malawi law
[see also Nyasaland]
Manchurian law see Ch.M
Mar.Is Marshall Islands law
Maur Mauritanian law
Maur.Is Mauritius law
Mex Mexican law
Mic Micronesian law
Mold Moldova law
Mon Monacan law
Mong Mongolian law
Mont Montserrat law
Mor Moroccan law
Moz Mozambique law
N.Mac Macedonian law
Nam Namibian law
Nau Nauru law
Nep Nepalese law
Neth Netherlands law
[from 1795]
New Guinea law see Papua New Guinea law
Nic Nicaraguan law
Nig Nigerian law
Nig.R Niger law
No.Mar Northern Mariana Islands law
Nor Norwegian law
Ny Nyasaland law
    [see also Malawi law]
Om Oman law
PaG Papua New Guinea law
Pak Pakistan law
Pal Palestinian National Authority
Palau Palau law
Pan Panama law
Par Paraguay law
    Persian law see Iranian law
Peru Peruvian law
Phil Philippine law
    Philippine Islands law [before 1947]
Pol Polish law
Por Portuguese law
    [from 1826]
Qat Qatari law
R&N Rhodesia and Nyasaland law
    [see also Malawi law]
    [see also Zambia law]
    [see also Zimbabwe law]
Rh Rhodesia (Northern) law
    see also Zambia law]
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]
Rw Rwanda law
S.R Rhodesia (Southern) law
    [see also Zimbabwe law]
    Saint Kitts-Nevis law see StKN
    Saint Vincent and the Grenadines law see StVG
Sal El Salvador law
Sam Samoa law
SaT Sao Tome and Principe law
Sau Saudi Arabian law
Sen Senegal law
Ser Serbian law
    [from 2006]
    Serbia and Montenegro law [through 2006], see: Jugo
Sey Seychelles law
Siamese law see Thailand law
Si.L Sierra Leone law
Sin Singapore law
Slova Slovak law
    [from 1993]
Slove Slovenian law
So.Af South African law
Solo Solomon Islands law
Som Somalia law
    South African law - use So.Af
    Southwest African law see Namibian law
Sp Spanish law
    [from 1808]
Sri.L Sri Lanka law
StH Saint Helena law
StKN Saint Kitts-Nevis law
StL Saint Lucia law
StVG Saint Vincent and the Grenadines law
Sud Sudanese law
Sur Surinam law
Swe Swedish law
Swi Swiss law [from 1800]
Syr Syrian law
TaC.Is Turks and Caicos Islands law
    Taiwan law see Ch.R
Taj Tajikistan law
Tan Tanzanian law
    Tanganyikan law [incl. Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar]
    [see also Zanzibar law]
Thai Thailand law
    Tibetan law see Chinese law (People’s Republic)
Tog Togo law
Tonga Tonga law
Trin Trinidad and Tobago law
TrJ Transjordan law
Tun Tunisian law
Tur Turkish law
Turkm Turkmenistan law
UAE United Arab Emirates law
UAR United Arab Republic law
UAS Union of African States law
    Upper Volta law see Burkina Faso law
Ug Uganda law
Ukr Ukrainian law
Ur Uruguay law
Uzb Uzbek law
Vat Vatican City law
Ven  Venezuelan law
Viet  Vietnamese law
Viet.D Vietnamese law (Democratic Republic)
W.A  West African law
W.Ind West Indies law
Win.Is Windward Islands law
WPa.Is Western Pacific Islands law
       Western Samoa law see Samoa law
Ye   Yemen law
Ye.P Yemen law (People's Democratic Republic)
       Yugoslav law see Jugo
       Zaire law see Congo (Democratic Republic) law
Zam  Zambian law
Zan  Zanzibar law
       [see also Tanganyikan law]
Zim  Zimbabwe law
       [see also Rhodesia (Southern) law]