

# Space Law Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on space law. The “Outer Space Treaty,” also known as the *United Nations Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies*, 18 U.S.T. pt. 3, at 2410 (Jan. 27, 1967), is the foundation of international space law, and “stipulates that, because space exploration is in the interest of all humanity, no country may claim territory, establish military bases, or station weapons on any other planet or a moon.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed.) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 100A Limited Liability for Space Flight Activities  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.100A.htm>

Texas Local Government Code

- Ch. 507 Spaceport Development Corporations  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LG/htm/LG.507.htm>

United States Code

- Title 42, Ch. 26 National Space Program  
<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title42/chapter26&edition=prelim>

- Title 51 National & Commercial Space Programs  
<https://uscode.house.gov/browse/prelim@title51&edition=prelim>

## Online Resources

United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) <https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/spacelaw/index.html>

Accessing Space Treaty Resources Online “ASTRO” Portal (UNOOSA)  
<https://astro.unoosa.org/astro/en/index.html>

Space Law Research Guide (CSU Law Library)  
[https://guides.law.csuohio.edu/space\\_law](https://guides.law.csuohio.edu/space_law)

Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)  
<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/index.html>

Outer Space Objects Index (UNOOSA)  
[https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/osoindex/index.jsp?f\\_id=](https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/osoindex/index.jsp?f_id=)

United Nations Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space (UNOOSA)  
<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/spaceobjectregister/resources/index.html>

Guidance on Space Object Registration and Frequency Management for Small and Very Small Satellites (UNOOSA)  
[https://www.unoosa.org/documents/pdf/psa/bsti/2015\\_Handout-on-Small-SatellitesE.pdf](https://www.unoosa.org/documents/pdf/psa/bsti/2015_Handout-on-Small-SatellitesE.pdf)

Schematic Overview of National Regulatory Frameworks for Space Activities (UNOOSA)  
<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/spacelaw/nationalspacelaw/schematic-overview.html>

International Space Law: United Nations Instruments  
[https://www.unoosa.org/res/oosadoc/data/documents/2017/stspace/stspace61rev\\_2\\_0.html/V1605998-ENGLISH.pdf](https://www.unoosa.org/res/oosadoc/data/documents/2017/stspace/stspace61rev_2_0.html/V1605998-ENGLISH.pdf)

Journal of Space Law (Center for Air & Space Law)  
<https://airandspacelaw.olemiss.edu/the-journals/journal-of-space-law/journal-of-space-law-back-issues/>

Space Law, Data and Policy  
(School of Law - University of Washington)  
<https://www.law.uw.edu/academics/programs/global-business-law-institute/space-ldp>

## Legal Assistance

### Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)