

Explanatory Note

The dictionary consists of a carefully selected list of legal terms grouped under key words. Meanings in English, French, Spanish and German are given for each term. Following the basic text are alphabetical indexes for each language except English. The English section of the basic text has been arranged alphabetically and numbered consecutively. Words related to the key word are indented and alphabetized under that word; verbs are alphabetized separately at the end of each group. Thus 'Hearsay evidence,' number 2369, is one of the several words indented under 'Evidence,' number 2353, and 'To adduce evidence,' number 2390, appears after the words other than verbs indented under 'Evidence.'

In the indexes, terms are alphabetized according to the key word which is placed above each term and is not numbered unless it appears independently in the dictionary. The indexes enable readers in any one of these languages to find equivalents in any of the other languages. For example a reader, thinking in Spanish of the word 'Derecho' and seeking the German equivalent, can turn to the Spanish alphabetical index and after the word 'Derecho' he will find the number where the equivalents in the other three languages are given. If he happens to think of the word 'Ley' he will find the number after that word also and by the same process find the same equivalents.