To learn the classification of a particular armed conflict and see applicable legal norms:

1. ICRC website (press releases, Operational Updates, and Annual Reports)

To see the text of humanitarian law treaties:

1. Most multilateral treaties can be found with a Google search by treaty name
2. ICRC, Treaties and States Parties to Such Treaties, [http://www.icrc.org/ihl](http://www.icrc.org/ihl)

To see status information for the humanitarian law treaties:


To find statements (rules) of customary international law:

2. *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* [paper; online by subscription]

To find authoritative accounts of treaty and customary law:

1. *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* [paper; online by subscription]
7. Other monographs (books) –refer to bibliographies, or use a library catalog, or Google Book Search

To see commentaries on humanitarian law treaties:


To research negotiating history (travaux preparatoires) of the humanitarian law treaties:

To find examples of state practice in IHL:
2. State yearbooks of international law [paper; HeinOnline]

To find the US position on IHL questions:
1. *Restatement of the Law, Foreign Relations 3d* [paper; Westlaw, Lexis] [very general on IHL]
2. *Digest of US Practice in International Law* [free online 1989-2012; also paper]
3. State Department website and documents

To find highly-recommended works on IHL:

To get more suggestions for research options in IHL:

To keep track of new developments in IHL:
1. Opinio Juris (http://opiniojuris.org)
2. Just Security (http://justsecurity.org)
3. Lawfare (http://www.lawfareblog.com)
4. Armed Groups and International Law (http://armedgroups-internationallaw.org)
5. Intercross (http://intercrossblog.icrc.org)