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This purposes of this research are to study the structures in Schiller's Classification, Library of Congress Classification and Dewey Decimal Classification and to compare the advantages and disadvantages of these three systems.

From a study of the structures of Schiller's Classification, Library of Congress Classification and Dewey Decimal Classification has the most suitable structure for the Thai law books than the other two systems. The result of the interviews of seven librarians from seven libraries that have law books also affirms that the Schiller's Classification is more advantageous than those other two systems. From a survey of the catalog cards for Thai books in three legal libraries which are based upon 676 subject headings, the Schiller's Classification has more classification numbers according to the subject headings; i.e. 487 subject headings or 72.04 per cent. The result of this study is in compliance with the first assumption which states that the structure of Schiller's Classification is more suitable for Thai law books than those of the Library of Congress Classification and Dewey Decimal Classification.

It appears from the study that the differences between the common law and the civil law are the priority arrangement and the division of categories of law, and the differences between the American law which is a civil law are the titles and order of the civil law as well as the secondary sources. Consequently, the three classification systems established for classification of law books in the U.S. libraries are not suitable for the Thai law books. This is in accordance with the second assumption which states that the Schiller's Classification, Library of Congress Classification and Dewey Decimal Classification were established for the libraries of other countries where the legal system is different from that of Thailand.