

# Library Resources for the Bar



# INN LIBRARIES SPECIALISATION SCHEME

The following is a guide to the jurisdictions outside England and Wales and the subjects within English law that each Inn specialises in. Note that, particularly in the case of English materials, the topics will be covered to some extent at all the Libraries and that the list is not necessarily exhaustive.

GRAY'S INN	INNER TEMPLE	LINCOLN'S INN	MIDDLE TEMPLE
Air and Space Law	Armed Forces	Agriculture	Accountancy
Conflict of Laws	<i>Commonwealth</i>	Animal Law	Agency
Constitutional & Administrative	Coroners	<i>Channel Islands</i>	Arbitration
Construction Law	Criminal Law	Charities	Banking
Consumer Law	Criminology	<i>Commonwealth</i>	Carriage of Goods
Data Protection	Customs and Excise	Company Law	Commercial Law
Education	Defamation	Conveyancing	Competition Law
Energy Law	Family Law	Equity and Trusts	Ecclesiastical Law
Entertainment & Media Law	Food and Drugs	Insolvency	Employment
Environmental Law	Forensic Science and Medicine	<i>Isle of Man</i>	Equal Opportunities
<i>Foreign Law (Not at other Inns)</i>	Intellectual Property	Landlord and Tenant	<i>EU and Member States</i>
Highways	Licensing	<i>Parliamentary Materials</i>	Finance and Financial Services
Housing Law	Medical Law	Partnership Law	Health and Safety
Human Rights	Mental Health	Pensions	Insurance Law
Immigration & Nationality	Personal Injury	Real Property	International Trade
Information Technology	Police	Taxation	<i>Irish Republic</i>
<i>International Law</i>	Prison Law	Wills and Probate	Maritime and Shipping Law
Local Government	Product Liability		Transport
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	Professional Negligence		<i>United States</i>
Planning Law	Road Traffic		
Rates & Council Tax	<i>Scotland</i>		
Social Security & Welfare Law	Sentencing		
Sports Law			
Telecommunications			

# Library Resources for the Bar

A guide to the Libraries of the four Inns of Court

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All four Inn Libraries are open to barrister members of the Inns of Court. Co-operation between the Libraries is overseen by the Inns of Court Libraries Liaison Committee, which aims to make the best use of the Libraries' extensive resources for the benefit of the Bar as a whole, and to ensure that the services that are offered meet the needs of practitioners.

All the Libraries have a full collection of English legal materials. In addition each Library has responsibility for the specialist collections listed in this guide. Online catalogues of each Library are available on their respective websites. Inner Temple Library also holds copies of the other Inns' catalogues, which for convenience can be searched, other than for very recent material, without switching sites.

Union lists showing the holdings of current law reports and periodicals, loose-leaf publications, and electronic resources have also been prepared for quick reference. They are available in printed form at each Library and also on the Inner Temple and Gray's Inn Library websites. Library staff are always willing to give guidance on alternative sources when material needed is not held by the Inn Libraries.

All the Libraries offer distance services to barristers who are unable to visit the Libraries in person. Subject to copyright restrictions, photocopies can be sent by email, fax, or post (*contact individual libraries for charges and further details*). The Inns also have an arrangement whereby copies can be obtained from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, where the material is not held at the Inns, or if copyright-cleared copies are needed – barristers should apply for this service to their Inn Library, not direct to the Institute.

A further co-operative arrangement is Saturday opening. During legal term one Inn Library is open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturdays on a weekly rota. The rota (which as far as possible is organised in alphabetical order) appears on the Inns' websites, as well as on printed calendars available in the Libraries.

# GRAY'S INN LIBRARY

**Address:** 5 South Square  
Gray's Inn  
London  
WC1R 5ET

**Telephone:** 020 7458 7822

**Fax:** 020 7458 7850

**Email:** *Library.Information@graysinn.org.uk*

**Website:** *www.graysinn.org.uk*

**Librarian:** Theresa Thom



**Hours:** *Student and Legal Terms* Mon-Fri 9.00am – 8.00pm  
*Saturdays and Vacation* Opening hours on application or check website

**Admissions Policy:** Open to all members of Gray's Inn and to barrister members of the other Inns of Court.

**Specialisations:** International Law

Human Rights both within the UK and from wider European and international perspectives.

Northern Ireland

The Times newspaper from 1880-1986. (*Bound volumes may not be copied*). 1860-1879, January 1973 - current on microfilm from which copies may be taken. For online availability see under Electronic Services.

**Loans:** To Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn for their own use. Any barrister or clerk borrowing on behalf of a Bencher must produce written authorisation from the Bencher concerned. Barrister tenants of the Inn may borrow certain materials for one hour to make photocopies in chambers.

**Distance Services:** Photocopies (subject to copyright) sent by email, fax or post to all Gray's Inn barristers and students and to barristers of other Inns when the material is not held by their own Library.  
*Charges on application.*

Photocopies can be obtained on behalf of Gray's Inn barristers from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.  
*Further details and charges on application.*

**Electronic Services:** Web-based library catalogue and access to the other Inns' catalogues at [www.graysinnlibrary.org.uk](http://www.graysinnlibrary.org.uk)

Online services: JustCite, Justis (legislation only), Lawtel, Lexis Library and Westlaw UK and a range of specialist services including Bulletin of Northern Ireland Law, Electronic Immigration Network, Oxford Law Reports on International Law, and the Times Digital Archive 1785-1985.

A selection of CD-Roms are also available, including All Law of Northern Ireland, Butterworth's Corporate Law Service and the Education Law Service.

### **Other Services and Facilities:**

*Newspapers:* Daily Telegraph, Financial Times, Guardian, Independent and The Times.

*Publications:* Library guides and union lists.

*Photocopying:* Self-service copying machines with scan/email facility.

*Microform reader-printer*

*A suite of public access PCs all with word processing and internet access*

*Wi-Fi access*

*Disability services include:* A lift for wheelchair users

Free parking (arranged as necessary)

Two height-adjustable desks

Dolphin assistive technology for blind & partially-sighted users

A large low resolution screen

A large print keyboard

# INNER TEMPLE LIBRARY

**Address:** Inner Temple  
London  
EC4Y 7DA  
**Telephone:** 020 7797 8217/8/9  
**Fax:** 020 7583 6030 / 020 7797 8224

**Email:**

**Enquiries** [library@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:library@innertemple.org.uk)

**Distance service** [distanceservice@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:distanceservice@innertemple.org.uk)

**Web Sites:**

**Library** [www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk](http://www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk)

**Catalogue** [www.innertemplelibrary.org/external.html](http://www.innertemplelibrary.org/external.html)

**Virtual tour** [www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk/news/tour.htm](http://www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk/news/tour.htm)



**Librarian:** Margaret Clay

**Hours:** *Legal Terms* Mon-Thu 9.00am – 8.00pm  
Friday 9.00am – 7.00pm  
*Saturdays* See Introduction  
*Long Vacation* Mon-Fri 9.00am – 5.30pm  
*Closed second half of August*

**Admissions Policy:** Open to all members of the Inner Temple and to all members of the other Inns of Court.

**Specialisations:** Commonwealth legislation and law reports, especially Canada, Caribbean, Hong Kong and Indian subcontinent.

Scottish law reports, textbooks and journals.

The Times newspaper 1811-1990. (*Bound volumes which may not be copied.*) For online availability see under Electronic Services.

Privy Council Judgments 1940 onwards.

**Loans:** *Law books:* may be borrowed by Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple for their own use.

*Non-law books:* with certain exceptions, these may be borrowed by Inner Temple barristers in private practice with chambers in London.

**Distance Services:** Documents (subject to copyright) sent by email, fax or post to all Inner Temple barristers and to barristers of other Inns when the material is not held by their own Library.

*Charges on application or via the website.*

Photocopies can be obtained on behalf of Inner Temple barristers from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. *Further details and charges available on application or via the website.*

**Electronic Services:** The following services are available within the Library.

Online access to the four Inn Libraries' catalogues.

Internet subscription services include: Casetrack, Criminal Law Week, Electronic Immigration Network, JustCite, Justis (Celex, SIs and Statutes), Lawtel, Lexis Library, The Times Digital Archive 1785-1985, The Times & Sunday Times (1992 onwards) and Westlaw UK.

Courtel Communications: listing information for all the Crown and Combined High Courts and the RCJ, plus some County Courts.

Databases available on the catalogue server: Current Law Cases (digests of reported cases and newspaper law reports 1947-2002), Legal Journals Index (an index to UK and EC journals including case comments 1986-2002) and the Legal and Regulatory Developments Index (an index to supplementary legal material mid 1993-2002).

CD-Roms include: Archbold, Kemp and Kemp Personal Injury Practice and the White Book.

**Remote Access:** Internet access to the catalogues of all four Inn Libraries ([www.innertemplelibrary.org/external.html](http://www.innertemplelibrary.org/external.html)).

AccessToLaw, a gateway site, providing annotated links to over 1400 free websites of legal interest ([www.accesstolaw.com](http://www.accesstolaw.com)).

Current Awareness blog providing up-to-date information on new case law, changes in legislation and legal news ([www.innertemplelibrary.com](http://www.innertemplelibrary.com)).

Facebook page with information on Library services, news and events ([www.facebook.com/innertemplelibrary](http://www.facebook.com/innertemplelibrary)).

### **Other Services and Facilities:**

*Card Indexes:* Legal abbreviations index; parties index to Privy Council cases 1940-2005.

*Newspapers:* The Times.

*Publications:* Quick Reference Guide; range of guides to the Library and its online services; union lists; Accessibility Information Sheet; Legal Research FAQs. (*All guides are also available in PDF format on the website*).  
Electronic Newsletter.

*Photocopying:* Self-service copying machines (card or coin operated).

*Word processing facilities:* USB sticks available for purchase.

*Wi-Fi access*

*Large-print keyboard and JAWS screen-reading software*

*Desktop video magnifier for use with printed material*

*Hearing loop for the hard of hearing*

# LINCOLN'S INN LIBRARY

**Address:** Lincoln's Inn  
London  
WC2A 3TN  
**Telephone:** 020 7242 4371  
**Fax:** 020 7404 1864  
**Email:** [library@lincolnsinn.org.uk](mailto:library@lincolnsinn.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.lincolnsinn.org.uk](http://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk)



**Librarian:** Guy Holborn

**Hours:** *Legal Terms and Vacation* Mon-Fri 9.00am – 8.00pm, *except*  
*August to mid-September* Mon-Fri 9.30am – 6.00pm  
*Saturdays* See Introduction  
*Early or exceptional closing posted on website*

**Admissions Policy:** Open to all members of Lincoln's Inn and to barrister members of the other Inns of Court.

**Specialisations:** Commonwealth legislation and law reports, especially Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, Africa, Sri Lanka and the Pacific.

Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

Parliamentary Papers 1801 to date. House of Commons Standing and Public Bill Committee debates 1983/84 to date.

House of Lords and Privy Council printed cases and appeal documents to 2008.

Chancery practice particularly catered for in acquisition of English materials.

**Loans:** To barrister members of the Inn and barristers with chambers in the Inn (and their pupils) only. Most material overnight (after 6.00pm to be returned by 9.30am). Longer loans for limited categories of non-current material.

**Distance Services:** Documents (subject to copyright) sent by email, fax or post to Lincoln's Inn barristers and to barristers of other Inns when material is not held by their own Library.  
*Charges on application.*

Photocopies can also be obtained on behalf of Lincoln's Inn barristers from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.  
*Further details and charges on application.*

**Electronic Services:** Web-based access to Lincoln's and Gray's Inn Library catalogues at [www.lincolnsinnlibrary.org.uk](http://www.lincolnsinnlibrary.org.uk)

Internet subscription services include: Business Law Reports, Casetrack, Commercial Law Cases, Electronic Immigration Network, HeinOnline, IDS Brief, Jersey Legal Information Board (unreported cases), Justis Parliament, Justis Statutes and SIs, Lawtel, Lexis Library, Lloyd's Law Reports, Public and Third Sector Law Reports, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Solicitors Journal, Westlaw UK.

A wide range of texts and materials are also available on CD-Rom.

### **Other Services and Facilities:**

*Newspapers:* Daily Telegraph, Financial Times, Guardian, Independent, The Times.

*Publications:* Quick Reference Guide; range of guides to the Library and its online services; union lists.

*Photocopying:* Self-service copying machines (card or coin operated).

*Microfiche reader-printer*

*Word processing facilities:* USB sticks available for purchase.

*Wi-Fi access*



# MIDDLE TEMPLE LIBRARY

**Address:** Middle Temple Lane  
London  
EC4Y 9BT

**Telephone:** 020 7427 4830

**Fax:** 020 7427 4831

**Email:** [library@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:library@middletemple.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.middletemplelibrary.org.uk](http://www.middletemplelibrary.org.uk)

**Librarian:** Vanessa Hayward



**Hours:** *Legal Terms* Mon-Thu 9.00am – 8.00pm  
Friday 9.00am – 7.00pm  
*Saturdays* See Introduction  
*Vacation* Mon-Fri 9.00am – 5.30pm  
*Closed first two weeks of August*

**Admissions Policy:** Open to all members of the Middle Temple and other Inns of Court.

**Specialisations:** European Law – The EU Library, containing the law of the Union and the relevant law of the member states.

US Law – The American Library, a substantial collection of US law reports, together with Federal and State legislation.

Ecclesiastical Law – including unreported Consistory Court Reports.

**Loans:** Members of any Inn may borrow textbooks overnight or for the weekend.

**Distance Services:** Documents (subject to copyright) sent by email, fax or post to Middle Temple barristers and to barristers of other Inns when material is not held by their own Library.  
*Charges on application.*

Photocopies can also be obtained on behalf of Middle Temple barristers from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.  
*Further details and charges on application.*

**Electronic Services:** Web-based library catalogue and access to other Inns' catalogues at [www.middletemplelibrary.org.uk](http://www.middletemplelibrary.org.uk)

Internet subscription services include: All England Direct, Casetrack, Electronic Immigration Network, HeinOnline, Lawtel, Lexis Library (UK cases and journals), The Times, The Times Digital Archive 1785-1985, Westlaw UK and US.

**Other Services and Facilities:**

*Newspapers:* The Times.

*Publications:* Range of guides to the Library and its services; union lists.

*Photocopying:* Self-service copying machines.

*Word processing facilities:* USB sticks available for purchase.

*Wi-Fi access throughout the Library*

*Electronic magnifying machine for enlarging print*

*Hearing loop for the hard of hearing*

*Coffee machine and spring water available*

