



INNER TEMPLE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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This is a new quarterly electronic newsletter aimed at keeping Inner Temple members and Temple tenants up to date with Library news and developments.

Opening Hours

Weekday Opening

The Library's standard term-time opening hours (Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm, Friday 9am-7pm) continue until Friday 29th July.

During the Long Vacation we shall as usual be closed for the last two weeks of August, from Saturday 13th to Monday 29th August inclusive. Apart from that closed period, vacation opening hours will be 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

Extended opening, to 8pm Monday to Thursday and 7pm Friday, resumes on Monday 3rd October.

Saturday Opening

The Saturday opening trial which has been running since October 2004 has been approved to run for a further period up to July 2006. One of the four Inn Libraries will be open on each Saturday during legal terms.

July 2005

2nd July	Lincoln's Inn
9th July	Middle Temple
16th July	Gray's Inn
23rd July	Inner Temple
30th July	CLOSED

October 2005

1st October	Lincoln's Inn
8th October	Middle Temple
15th October	Gray's Inn
22nd October	Inner Temple
29th October	Lincoln's Inn

For more information on Saturday opening please visit the [Opening Hours](#) page of the Library web site.

Library Resources Booklet

A new edition of *Library Resources for the Bar and Judiciary* is now available.

The guide includes information on the opening hours, collections and services of the four Inn Libraries and the Supreme Court Library.

Copies are available in the Library, and may be requested by telephone (020 7797 8217) or by email to library@innertemple.org.uk

The booklet is also available in Word format on the [Inns of Court Libraries](#) page of the Library web site.

The Bar Library

It has been announced that The Bar Library in the Royal Courts of Justice will close on 1st July. The floor on which the Library is housed will be converted to extra Family Division hearing rooms during the long vacation. The collection will be stored for the time being whilst a decision is taken about its future.

After 1st July there will not be a loan collection for barristers within the RCJ but reference copies of most textbooks (including old editions) stocked by the Bar Library are held by the Inn Libraries. Ways and means of future access to unpublished transcripts (Criminal and Civil Division) for barristers are being considered, as is future provision of an information service for litigants in person.

Distance Service

The Library will supply photocopies from Library stock to all Inner Temple Benchers and to barrister members of the Inner Temple working outside central London, as long as the provisions of the law of copyright are met. Requests from members of other Inns will be met if their own Inn Library does not hold the required item. The Library can also supply copies of material held by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Enquiries may be made by post, fax or telephone or email (Enquiry Point Tel: 020 7797 8217, Fax: 020 7583 6030 / 020 7797 8224, Email: distanceservice@innertemple.org.uk)

Requests for photocopies need to be accompanied by a completed Inner Temple Library copyright or judicial proceedings declaration form, bearing the signature of the ultimate user of the requested material. The forms are available to download via the [Document Supply Services](#) page of the Library web site.

The service is available from 9.00am to 5.30pm. Requests received after 5.30pm will be dealt with the next working day. Response will be by first class post or fax as required.

For more information regarding the distance service and for a list of charges click [here](#)

Online Catalogue

Internet access to the catalogues of the four Inn Libraries is available at www.innertemplelibrary.org/external.html

Information about holdings of current law reports, journals, loose-leafs and electronic services in the four Inns and the Supreme Court Library can be found via the [Inns of Court Libraries](#) page of the Library web site.

AccessToLaw

AccessToLaw, the Library's gateway site, now has links to over 800 free legal web sites worldwide. The content is selected, annotated and updated by Library staff. New sites are added regularly, and existing sites are checked and updated every two months.

Our policy is to include sites which will be of relevance primarily to practising lawyers in the UK. This means that while many different kinds of site are included - mainly legal, government and parliamentary sites, together with some general reference sites - there is particular emphasis on sites which contain substantive law (legislation, case reports, treaties. etc.) or related materials (reports, codes of practice, official guidance, etc.).

Two important changes have recently occurred to government sites. HMSO has been rebranded to become [OPSI](#) (Office of Public Sector Information). This change has taken place to coincide with new legislation which deals with public sector information. The Court Service is now known as [Her Majesty's Courts Service](#). This took effect from the 1st April 2005 with the amalgamation of the Court Service and the Magistrates' Courts Service into one single administrative organisation for the first time. All the links on AccessToLaw to selected sections of the site have been altered to reflect this change.

Other sites that have been recently added to AccessToLaw include:

- the [Mental Health pages](#) of the Department of Health web site, which provide a great deal of information both on present mental health law and on proposed changes.
- [Family Law Week](#) which provides current awareness for family practitioners.
- [IDEA](#), the online version of the European Union's directory, providing information about the institutions and agencies of the EU.

The Legal Subject Areas section continues to expand. In addition to new sites under existing subjects, several new subject areas have recently been added, including Freedom of Information, Islamic Law and Licensing Law.

Please feel free to add us as a link to your chambers or personal web site.

www.accesstolaw.com

Casetrack

The Library now has a subscription to Casetrack.

Coverage includes:

Judgments from the following courts:

- Court of Appeal (Criminal & Civil Divisions) from April 1996 onwards
- Administrative Court from April 1996 onwards
- All divisions of the High Court from July 1998 onwards
- Employment Appeal Tribunal from July 1998 onwards

- VAT Tribunal from January 2002 onwards
Searchable links to House of Lords and Privy Council judgments from November 1996 onwards
Access to judgments from the Northern Ireland Courts

Selected judgments from the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice.

Casetrack is available for use in the Library via a link on the Library home page.

Other subscription services available in the Library include: All England Direct, Criminal Law Week, CLI, Electronic Immigration Network, Halsbury's Laws Direct, Justcite, Justis, Lawtel, Legislation Direct, LexisNexis, Lloyds Law Reports, The Times and Sunday Times and Westlaw UK

Accessibility

The Library Enquiry Point is now fitted with an induction loop for the hearing impaired. Screen-reading software for blind and partially sighted users has recently been installed on one of the public access PCs. The same PC is also equipped with a large-print keyboard and extra-large monitor for partially sighted users.

New Acquisitions

New titles acquired within recent months include *Licensed Premises: Law and Practice*, written by Inner Temple member Philip Kolvin and over 30 other licensing law specialists. This provides detailed guidance on the Licensing Act 2003, which is expected to be brought fully into force in November.

New editions acquired include the 4th edition of *Buckley on the Law of Negligence*, the 3rd edition of *Personal Injury Pleadings* by Curran, and the new edition of *Stone's Justices' Manual*.

We are grateful to Philip Kolvin and to the following, all of whom kindly donated their books: David Ashton and Paul Reid, Master Goode, Rick Scannell and Professor Geraint Thomas.

Click here to view the complete list of [new titles and editions received](#)

"It is as true today as it has been in the past. Great law libraries are the treasuries of a legal system"

Lord Woolf