



Inner Temple Library Newsletter

Welcome to the Inner Temple Library's quarterly electronic newsletter. The newsletter aims to keep members and tenants of the Inner Temple up to date with news and developments in the Library.

Saturday Opening

Saturday opening during legal terms was first introduced for a trial period in October 2004, at the instigation of the Inns of Court Libraries Liaison Committee. The trial period was then extended for a further year to July 2006. The future of Saturday opening has now been discussed by the four Inns and approval has been given to make this arrangement permanent, subject to attendance figures continuing at a satisfactory level.

One of the four Inn Libraries will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on each Saturday during the legal terms.



2006

October

7 October	Middle Temple
14 October	Gray's Inn
21 October	Inner Temple
28 October	Lincoln's Inn

November

4 November	Middle Temple
11 November	Gray's Inn
18 November	Inner Temple
25 November	Lincoln's Inn

December

2 December	Middle Temple
9 December	Gray's Inn
16 December	Inner Temple
23 December	CLOSED
30 December	CLOSED

Timetables for 2006/7 are available in the Library and via the [Opening Hours](#) section of the Library web site.

Opening Hours

From Monday 2 October, term-time opening hours will resume at the Inner Temple Library. The Library will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Monday to Thursday and from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. on Friday.

Student Information

Student Tours

Tours for new London BVC students took place from 12-15 September. Students who missed the scheduled tours are welcome to email librarytours@innertemple.org.uk to arrange an alternative tour date in the first two weeks of October.

Student Guide



The Library has revised and updated its Student Guide. The guide is available from the Library alternatively a copy may be requested by emailing guides@innertemple.org.uk

Pupil Tours

The Library will be offering short introductory tours for pupils during October. If you are a pupil and would be interested in having a library tour please email librarytours@innertemple.org.uk



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AccessToLaw: Focus on Civil Procedure

All the web sites mentioned here, with the exception of OPSI, are linked to from the [Civil Procedure](#) page of [AccessToLaw](#), the Library's gateway site.

The Civil Procedure Rules (Statutory Instrument 1998/3132) and all amending instruments are available free on the OPSI web site. There are, of course, subscription services which provide access to the rules along with commentary and relevant case law, but there are also a number of web sites which offer useful civil procedure resources free of charge.

The Department for Constitutional Affairs web site includes an updated version of the CPRs with links to and from the relevant practice directions, and links to the forms on the HM Courts Service web site, which also includes the full text of the procedural guides for various courts.

There are some useful sites produced by individual barristers. L. J. West-Knights QC's LawOnLine web site includes news about changes to the rules, and information about how to use other free web sites to keep up to date. Roger Horne's YAWS (Yet Another Woolf Site), described by West-Knights as "seriously good", includes a searchable full-text version of the rules including their Schedules, Protocols and Practice Directions and some case law.

Infolaw's Civil Procedure Update, by Nick Holmes, includes recent developments on the topic and information about new and proposed amendments, with links to relevant documents on the OPSI, DCA and HM Courts Service web sites, as well as enhanced subscription services for access to legal documents. LexisNexis UK have a companion web site to their *Civil court practice*, greenbook.co.uk. The site has news and recent case digests as well as an updated and searchable version of the CPRs and associated documents.

Justis Update

On 13 October the final versions of [Justis](#) and [JustCite](#) 2.0 will be launched. The new versions will provide many new personalisation features that should make Justis and JustCite even easier to use.

The first of the new features is the Quick Search which helps novice users to obtain the information they need as quickly as possible. Users can enter any term or phrase in the search box and Justis will then search all the sources to which they subscribe.

For the more advanced user, Form Search permits searching by any combination of fields (such as Parties, Court or Subject). New to Form Search is the Partial Reference search option. Users can now search for an incomplete reference using any combination of Year, Volume, Series, Page or Number.

Significant changes have also been made to the Justis Results page. Firstly, users can sort results by Column-Reference, Title and Subject, and Year. The Filter Results box allows users to search the catchwords, reference and year fields displayed on the Results page to find a specific document.

On the Document screen, additional JustCite information can now be viewed. Users can click on the green JustCite buttons at the top of the Document screen for information on where the case or legislation has been cited or considered, and on subsequent cases and related articles.

The JustCite service has been given a face lift and features similar functionality to the new Justis service.

For further information, product literature and Quickstart Guides, please email Victoria MacLean at communications@justis.com.

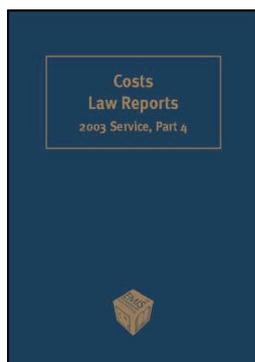
On Wednesday 29 November, Justis Publishing will be holding an open day at the Inner Temple Library. Justis staff will be on hand to provide library users with information and demonstrations of the new versions of Justis.



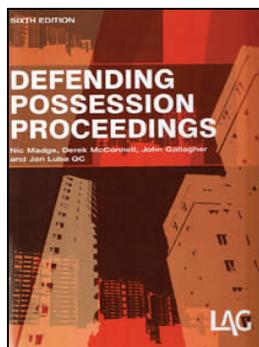
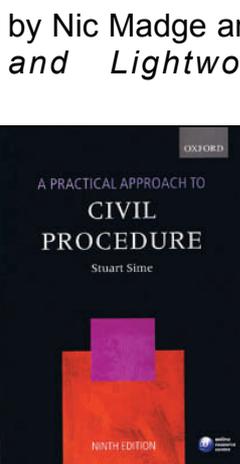
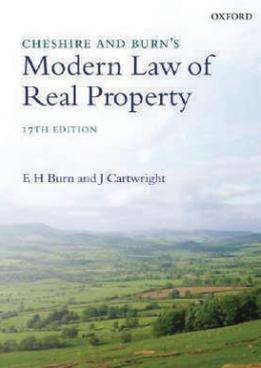
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New Acquisitions

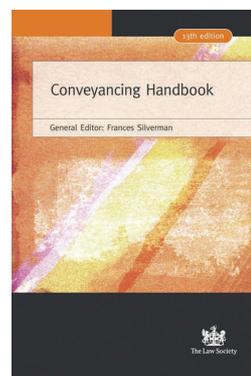
Since the last newsletter, the Library has started subscribing to *Costs law reports*; this series has been much requested in the few years since it started publication, and so we are sure that Library users will appreciate its being available here. There are three "core volumes" covering 1910 to 2001 and annual volumes for 2002 onwards. We are most grateful to Andrew Goodman, a member of the Library Committee, for helping us to acquire the back issues of this series at a discounted rate.



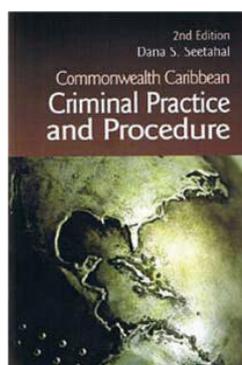
The Library Committee, which approves new titles proposed for purchase, has not met since the last newsletter. However, among notable new editions of existing works recently arrived are *Charlesworth & Percy on negligence*, *Cheshire and Burn's Modern law of real property*, *Defending possession proceedings* by Nic Madge and others, *Fisher and Lightwood's law of mortgage*, *Local council administration* by Charles Arnold-Baker, Stuart Sime's *Practical approach to civil procedure* and the Judicial Studies Board's *Guidelines for the assessment of general damages*



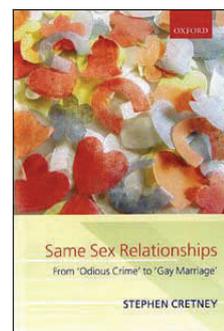
and the Law Society's *Conveyancing handbook*, edited by Frances Silverman.



To be noted in the Commonwealth textbooks collection is a new edition of Dana Seetahal's *Commonwealth Caribbean criminal practice and procedure*.



We must thank Professor Stephen Cretney (recently appointed a Bencher of the Inner Temple) who has kindly presented his new book, *Same sex relationships: from 'odious crime' to 'gay marriage'*, based on Master Cretney's Clarendon lectures in law, given in October 2005.



Thanks are also due to Master Lawrence Collins for his gift of *Dicey, Morris and Collins on the conflict of laws*, 14th edition, 2006.

Staff Changes

As reported in the last newsletter, Adrian Blunt retired as Deputy Librarian on 8th September. His successor will be Tracey Dennis. She is currently Head of the Library and Research Centre at the law firm Lewis Silkin. Tracey was an Assistant Librarian at the Inner Temple from 1994 to 1998 and she has also worked in the libraries of Lincoln's Inn and the House of Lords.



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Rings of the Serjeants-at-Law

The Inner Temple's recent acquisition of the site of Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street has naturally given rise to some renewed interest in the Order of Serjeants-at-Law, who occupied the site until 1730, and we have also received a number of enquiries concerning the rings distributed by serjeants upon creation.

The Order of Serjeants at Law had its origins, as a fraternity or guild, in the 14th century. The last serjeant was created 1875. The Serjeants were an elite body of lawyers, who gained a monopoly on cases in the Court of Common Pleas. It also became the rule that judges should only be appointed from the ranks of the serjeants, although in practice barristers were occasionally, from Tudor times onwards, created serjeant simply in order to be appointed to the Bench immediately thereafter, and this procedure of judicial appointment "per saltum" latterly became commonplace. It was customary for new serjeants to present gold rings to the reigning sovereign, judges, fellow serjeants and friends. Each ring bore a motto, usually in Latin. In view of the enormous number of rings that must have been produced it is surprising how few of them survive; it has been suggested (by Sir John Baker in *The Order of Serjeants-at-Law*, 1984) that this is because the rings were little prized as objects in themselves, only for the gold of which they were made. The Inner Temple possesses fourteen



Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street in 1804

serjeants' rings, three of which are illustrated below.

The last to be acquired (that of Sir John Simon, dating from 1864) was presented to the Library within the last few years. The ring, bearing the motto *In concilio justorum*, is displayed in a case in Room H. Alongside it are other memorabilia relating to Simon, notably his serjeant's "coif": originally a white bonnet, but by this time a rosette worn on the crown of the wig.

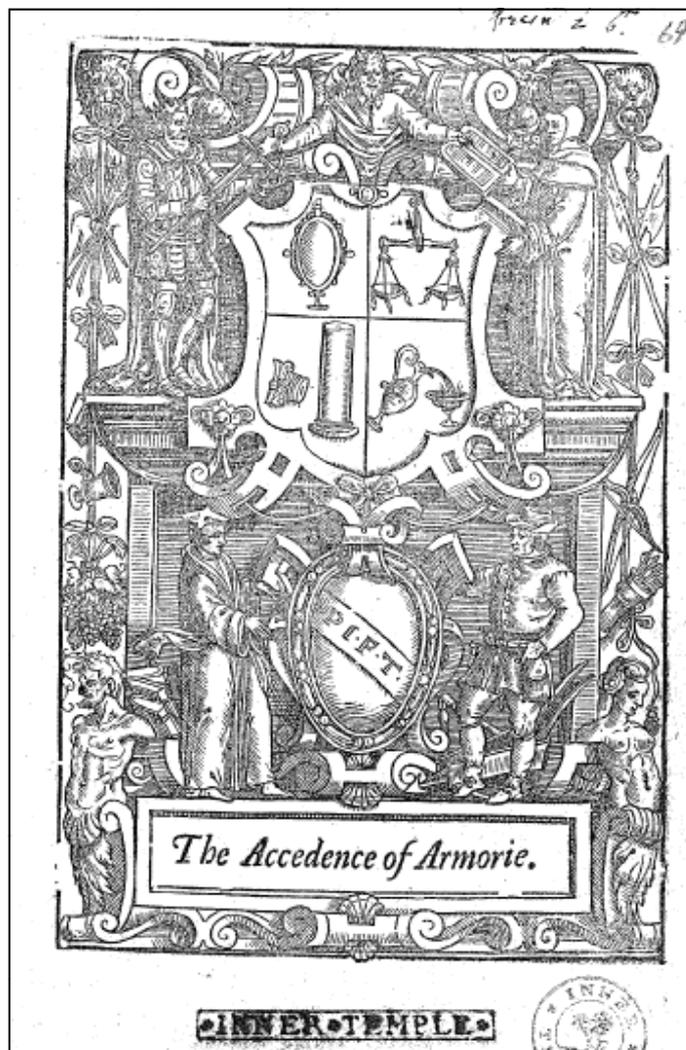




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Conference on the Inns of Court

An international, interdisciplinary conference on *The intellectual and cultural world of the early modern Inns of Court* was held at the Courtauld Institute of Art, 14-16 September. Speakers travelled from all parts of the UK as well as from Australia, Canada and the United States, and represented a great variety of disciplines including legal history, literature, drama, dance, music, art history and garden history. Master Baker (Professor Sir John Baker, Q.C.) opened the conference with a survey of the Inns' educational role, taking as his title "The Third University, 1450-1550: law school or finishing school?", and Inner Temple Archivist Dr Clare Rider gave an illuminating and entertaining paper, "[The sixteenth-century Inns of Court in context](#)". This was written in collaboration with Dr Rider's assistant, Celia Charlton. Dr Michelle O'Callaghan and Dr Louise Durning jointly gave a paper on Gerard Legh's heraldic work, *The Accedence of armorie*, demonstrating its links with the Inner Temple Revels of 1561/2. This work is notable for the early depiction and description of the Pegasus as emblem of the Inner Temple. The Library possesses two editions, one printed by Tottel (1591), the other by Ballard (1597).



The Accedence of armorie, 1591

Feedback

We welcome feedback from our newsletter readers. If there is something you would like to see featured in the newsletter or if you would like to know more about an aspect of the Library's collections or services email smclaren@innertemple.org.uk



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