

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.

All feedback is welcome and can be sent to <u>librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk</u>

Saturday Opening

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



There is no Saturday opening during August and most of September.

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To view a Saturday Opening Timetable up to December 2011 click <u>here</u>.

Summer Opening

Summer opening hours begin on Monday 1st August.

During August and September the Library will open at 9.00 a.m. and close at 5.30 p.m. Late opening will resume on Monday 19th September.

The Library will be closed for two weeks in August (15th - 26th) so that general maintenance work may be carried out.

To view a Summer Opening Timetable for all four Inn Libraries click <u>here</u>.

Website Changes

The <u>Library website</u> has recently been re-launched with improvements to the content and layout. Links to the most frequently accessed sections of the site now appear on the right-hand side of every page, not just the home page. Page design is now clearer and new images have been added.



The site has details of the Library's <u>collections</u> and <u>services</u>, plus links to the <u>online catalogue</u>, <u>Current</u> <u>Awareness blog</u>, <u>AccessToLaw</u> and to <u>FAQs</u> on legal research. It also includes a <u>virtual tour</u>, <u>slideshows</u> of the Library past and present and illustrated histories of the <u>Library</u> and of the <u>Inn</u>.

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Current Awareness Blog

A recent change of web host has provided the Library with the opportunity to redesign and re-launch its Current Awareness blog, which can now be found at <u>www.innertemplelibrary.com</u>. A temporary redirect is in place so the old URL will still lead you to the blog, but we would advise you to update your bookmarks and links where appropriate.



Subject categories are now displayed in a drop down menu, including 'category counts' i.e. the number of posts indexed under each category. Subscribers to the RSS feed can tailor the feed to their own requirements by selecting individual subject categories rather than receiving updates from the blog as a whole. To see a full list of category feeds click <u>here</u>. We have also added a category cloud to the side bar displaying the most frequently used categories.

Additional pages have been added to the blog, detailing some of the other free services the Library has to offer to members and non-members alike. We have also expanded the list of Legal Links.



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Our Current Awareness blog has been running since March 2007. It features the latest legal news stories plus details of new case law and changes in legislation which are selected by Library staff and posted on the blog each day.

As well as featuring the latest news, the blog also contains a substantial archive. There are now over 19,000 posts indexed in over 1,000 subject categories.

The blog continues to grow in popularity, with an average of 10,000 unique visitors per month. Visitors to the site come from over 100 countries/ territories, with the majority coming from the UK, US, India and Australia. The blog now has well over 1,000 subscribers, of whom over half subscribe to the daily email alert. Our statistics show that readers are accessing the blog in a number of different ways, including a substantial number using mobile devices such as smart phones and iPads.

Users can subscribe to the RSS feed or email or follow the blog on Twitter (<u>www.twitter.com/</u><u>inner_temple</u>).

For more information please contact <u>smclaren@innertemple.org.uk</u>.



Observations on the 2011 Survey Results

A survey of Library usage was carried out via the Library's website from 11th April to 11th May 2011. A total of 231 responses were received to the online survey. In addition a two-day survey of those coming into the Library in person was carried out on 12th and 13th April 2011. On the survey davs 191 people visited the Library, 169 questionnaires were handed out and 129 were returned. Surveys were carried out in the Library biennially from 2002 to 2008. Visitor figures for the in-house survey are similar to those for the 2008 survey days when 192 people visited the Library. (The figures this year would probably have been higher but we know that some of our regular users decided to stay away until the refurbishment work on the windows in Rooms C, D and E had been completed.)

The results of the two 2011 surveys are complementary and broadly consistent. While some caution is necessary in drawing conclusions from limited exercises of this kind, the following points may be made.

- More than half of those who use the Library are members of the Inner or Middle Temple or have chambers there.
- The level of use by BPTC students, though not high, is the same as it was in 2008. Students who do use the Library comment that it is the best environment for research and are very complimentary about the helpfulness of the staff.
- More than half of Library users make use of . staff assistance during their visits, as compared with 17.5% in our first survey in 2002. It is particularly noticeable in the in-house survey that the majority of additional comments to the relate helpfulness and expertise of staff who now have to provide guidance on electronic as well as print resources.



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- The main reason for visiting the Library is still to research for a case or opinion but there is also a marked increase in the number of respondents who value the Library as a 'quiet or convenient place to work' (in-house survey 2002 12.2%, 2008 26.0%, 2011 45.3%). Use of the Library to carry out research for a book, article or lecture has also increased.
- Responses show that the print collections continue to be well used, in particular textbooks, law reports, journals and looseleaf works. 97.7% of respondents to the in-house survey used the print collections compared with 76.7% who used the databases. At a time when the general trend is towards the use of electronic sources rather than print, it is interesting to compare some of the statistics from our first in-house survey with results. 2002 50% the latest In of respondents used textbooks and 59% used law reports, whereas in 2011 this had increased to 88.1% and 88.9%. This shows the importance of maintaining the Library's

print collections, especially at a time when chambers are cutting back on their own collections.

- The majority of users consult the current print collections but the availability of non-current material, which is not usually available online, is also much valued. More than half of the survey days made use users on of superseded editions. This underlines the importance of retaining non-current collections on-site.
- The materials (both current and non-current) which were most frequently used for research were in areas of English law, EU law, European human rights and Commonwealth law. Once again it is worth comparing the results of the 2002 and 2011 in-house surveys. Taking the examples of EU law and Commonwealth law, in 2002 the response rate on the use of the current collections in these areas was 8.8% and 2.7% and in 2011 it was 25.2% and 36.2%.



Which hard copy resources do you use within the Library?



- The general level of satisfaction continues to be high, with respondents reporting that they find all (or part) of what they want when they come to the Library.
- The growth in the use of electronic resources is evident. Westlaw, Lawtel and Lexis proved to be the most popular of the Library's subscription databases in both surveys and this also applied to chambers and personal subscriptions. Within the Library use of specialist databases, such as Criminal Law Week and Electronic Immigration Network, showed an increase.
- Word-processing facilities continue to be in demand and in-house usage has increased since the 2008 survey.
- Access to Wi-Fi is a new facility which has been made available in Rooms E, F and G since the last survey. It is proving to be popular, particularly with student users. On the in-house survey days 47 people made

use of this facility and 71 respondents to the electronic survey also said they used it. Wi-Fi has not been set up throughout the Library, partly for technical reasons and partly because some users prefer to work in areas that are computer-free.

- Printing from online sources shows a slight increase in the in-house survey and use of photocopiers a slight decrease in both surveys as compared with the 2008 survey results. The email facility now available on many of the online databases is favoured by users as a money-saving and effort-saving alternative to printing or photocopying.
- The electronic survey shows that remote access to the Library's website and web catalogue has increased as has the take-up for the Current Awareness blog.
- Though awareness of the document supply service has increased since the 2008 surveys, we still need to do more to publicise this service.





- 44.7% of the respondents to the electronic survey and 18.3% of respondents to the in-house survey said they subscribed to the quarterly electronic newsletter, which again is an improvement on the 2008 responses. We should perhaps have phrased this question more carefully as the newsletter is emailed to everyone on the Inn's membership database Middle and to all Inner and Temple chambers, which means it is definitely received but probably not read by some of those who said 'No'.
- The number of barristers using the Internet from chambers or home to access free and (personal) subscription services shows a slight increase in the online survey, whereas in the in-house survey use of free sources and personal subscriptions to electronic services have slightly decreased. Respondents to the electronic survey also

appeared to be more reliant on chambers' online subscriptions (21) as compared with respondents to the in-house survey (4), who have easy access to the range of subscription databases provided by the Inn Libraries. The in-house survey also shows a reduced use of chambers' libraries. Responses to the survey we carried out during the feasibility study in 2009 showed that chambers had already started cut back hard to on CODV subscriptions. This is likely to be one of the reasons for the increasing use of some hard copy titles in the Library.

- The percentage of respondents who say they use the Inn Libraries on Saturdays has increased since the 2008 surveys.
- The results, comments and observations from the in-house and online surveys are available on the <u>Library's website</u>.



What other facilities did you use in the Library?

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Document Supply Service

The Library has operated a document supply service since 1991. However, it is apparent from certain comments in our recent surveys that some Library users are unaware of the service and how it operates. Our aim in the following paragraphs is to explain who may use the service and how it works.

Our document supply service is available to all Inner Temple Benchers and to barrister members of the four Inns of Court. The service is intended primarily for barristers who are unable to come to the Library in person but who need access to materials such as law reports, journal articles and legislation.

Documents can be supplied (by post, fax or scan/ email) for judicial proceedings or for research for non-commercial purposes. A <u>charge</u> is made for the service and details can be found on the Library website. Payment is due within 14 days of receipt of the requested documents.

Using the service is very straightforward. Initial enquiries can be made by phone, fax or email. Then either a judicial proceedings form or a copyright form has to be submitted. To comply with copyright legislation the form has to be signed by the person requesting the item. These forms are available on the Library website or they can be sent out from the Library Enguiry Point. On the forms you will be asked to specify whether you want the material to be sent by post, fax or email. Please bear in mind that we cannot supply material for purposes other than for proceedings judicial or research for Completed forms non-commercial purposes. emailed can b e t o distanceservice@innertemple.org.uk, faxed to 020 7797 8224, or posted.

We endeavour to provide a same-day service for

requests received before 5 p.m., although it may not be possible to supply documents on the same day if a request is exceptionally large (in terms of the number of pages or items) or if we need to contact you for clarification.

We can also arrange for photocopies to be obtained from the Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Details of the <u>IALS</u> <u>service</u> can be found on our website.

Many overseas barristers use the document supply service; we would encourage barristers who are closer to home to use it if they are in a hurry or are unable to visit the Library themselves.

Further details of the service can be found in the <u>Document Supply Service</u> section of the Library website.

Student Tours

Tours for new BPTC students will take place from:

12th September to 16th September and from **19th September to 23rd September** at the following times:

> 10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.00 noon 2.30 p.m.

There is no need to book a place on a tour in advance.

Alternatively, to arrange a tour on a different day please contact <u>tdennis@innertemple.org.uk</u>.



BAILII's Appeal for Funds

The following is a message from the BAILII Trustees.

BAILII's operating costs have been running at approximately £160,000 per annum, excluding replacement of computer hardware and other costs which are not incurred annually. This figure will be reduced following an offer by The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies to reduce the quarterly overhead charge which it makes to BAILII for use of office space at the Institute, and for other services.

BAILII's future is uncertain because of the lack of secure funding to meet these costs. The Society for Computers & Law is not currently in a position to provide funding to BAILII, but has stated that it remains supportive of BAILII and will review the situation if circumstances change. The Law Society Charity has provided funding to BAILII for 2011, but has indicated that it may be unable to continue to provide funding to BAILII thereafter; BAILII hopes that the Law Society may be able to continue to provide funding to BAILII in some other manner. The contract with Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service under which BAILII receives payments from Government sources continues until March 2012; BAILII hopes that it will be renewed but there is no guarantee that this will happen.

If BAILII is to survive, it is essential that we obtain new sources of funding before its funds run out. We need much more support, particularly if major sponsors are not able to continue funding. But in any event BAILII's expenditure has been exceeding its income from sponsorship in recent years and this needs to be remedied as a matter of urgency.

This appeal is mainly directed towards sets of chambers and solicitors' firms. Legal associations, academic institutions and publishers are also invited to contribute. We are confident we can reach our target provided that all those who use BAILII and who want to go on using BAILII respond to this urgent call for help.

For more information click here.

Transcripts Guide

Since the 2011 edition of our guide to sources of transcripts was published in February several developments have affected the currency of some content. The two main changes have been the creation of **Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service** (HMCTS) and the creation of a comprehensive new government web portal, **Justice**. The guide is being updated so that information is, as far as possible, correct as at 1 July 2011. Users who have purchased <u>the guide</u> will be sent an updated pdf.

BIALL Conference

The annual conference of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians, held between 16th and 18th June at Gateshead, was attended by three members of the Library staff. The conference provides an opportunity to discuss matters of concern and interest to information professionals from many sectors and to make new contacts. There were useful sessions on topics such as presentation skills, implementing an effective staff appraisal system, improving personal impact, legal research training and trialling of e-textbooks at the College of Law. Delegates included staff from law firms, major academic institutions (such as the Bodleian Law Library and Squire Law Library) and from the Supreme Court. All the major legal publishers and suppliers attend the conference and this gives delegates the chance to discuss pricing of print and online products and to view enhancements to databases.



AccessToLaw: Property Law and Conveyancing

section of the Library's AccessToLaw The gateway site on which we focus in this issue is Property Law and Conveyancing. It has approximately 30 entries. The websites chosen for inclusion provide free information on many different aspects of property law, including residential and commercial property, conveyancing, neighbour agricultural land, disputes, ombudsman services, case law, and the conduct of property professionals.

The first site to mention is primarily a subscription site but it also provides a considerable amount of free information and links relating to the present law and recent developments. **Property Law UK** is a long established site produced by barrister Gary Webber of 33 Bedford Row, London. Two other particularly useful sources for recent case law and other developments are the chambers websites **Hardwicke** and **Thomas More Chambers**, both of which have online property law newsletters or bulletins. Another set which specialises in all areas of land law is **Falcon Chambers**, whose website features over 30 articles written by its members.

The body responsible for the land registration system in England and Wales is the **Land Registry**. Its website has an extensive Practice section with links to relevant legislation, and a Forms & Publications section which includes all of the Practice Guides series, practice bulletins and many other documents.

Certain kinds of dispute arising out of the work of the Land Registry are dealt with by the

Adjudicator to HM Land Registry: selected decisions of this tribunal are accessible via the Adjudicator's website. The most important tribunal concerned with disputes about land in England and Wales is the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber), which came into existence in 1950 as the Lands Tribunal and now forms part of the new structure of First-tier and Upper Tribunals. Case law accessible via its website extends back to 2000. Its functions include the hearing of appeals from several lower tribunals which at present lie outside the new tribunals structure - the Adjudicator to HM Land Registry, the Agricultural Land Tribunals, the Residential Property Tribunal Service and the Valuation Tribunal. Within a year or so these are all expected to be brought into a new First-tier Tribunal (Property, Land and Housing Chamber).

The buying and selling of property, its leasing, management and related activities involve the work of lawyers and property professionals of kinds. The websites of many several professional bodies contain useful information, them the British amongst Property Federation, the Council for Licensed Litigation Conveyancers, the Property Association and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Two links are provided to the RICS site, one for its section on the regulation of surveyors in the UK and the other for its codes of practice on service charges in commercial property. A new single code for the UK, replacing formerly separate codes for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and effective from 1 October 2011, is already available for download.





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When disputes arise between property professionals and consumers recourse may be had to ombudsman bodies which include the **Housing Ombudsman Service** (concerned with social housing providers), **Ombudsman Services: Property** (surveyors and others) and the **Property Ombudsman** (estate agents).

Information on the internet concerning neighbour disputes tends to be aimed primarily at the layperson. We include two sites which, while primarily for the layperson, may also be useful to the practitioner. Boundary Problems is maintained by a chartered land surveyor and provides information on boundary disputes, rights of and other land-related neighbour wav problems. Garden Law, created by a Yorkshire solicitor. advice has for homeowners on such topics as boundaries, walls, trees, roots and bonfires.

AccessToLaw

AccessToLaw is a gateway site, providing annotated links to selected UK, Commonwealth and worldwide legal resources including legislation, case law, commentary and organisations. Entries are arranged in five sections: United Kingdom, Commonwealth, Other Jurisdictions, Legal Subject Areas and General Resources.

The content is selected, annotated and updated quarterly by information professionals at the Inner Temple Library; the aim is to include free sites relevant to lawyers practising in the UK.

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Selected Print Resources on Property Law and Conveyancing available in the Library

Law Reports

Estates gazette law reports (1985-) *Landlord and tenant reports* (1999-) *Property, planning and compensation reports* (1950-)

Journals

Conveyancer and property lawyer (1937-) Estates gazette (1943-)

Practitioners' works

Agnew, Donald & Amanda Morris: Neighbour disputes: a guide to the law and practice, 2nd ed. (2011)Emmet, Lewis Emmanuel: Emmet and Farrand on title, 19th ed. [loose-leaf] Francis, Andrew: Restrictive covenants and freehold land, 3rd ed. (2009) Gray, Kevin J.: Elements of land law, 5th ed. (2009)Hewitson, Russell (ed.): Precedents for the conveyancer [loose-leaf] Hill, H.A.: Hill and Redman's law of landlord and tenant [loose-leaf] Megarry, Sir Robert & Sir William Wade: The law of real property, 7th ed. (2008) Ruoff, T.B.F.: Ruoff & Roper on the law and practice of registered conveyancing [loose-leaf] Sara, Colin: Boundaries and easements, 4th ed. (2008)Silverman, Frances (ed.): The Law Society's conveyancing handbook, 17th ed. (2010)

Woodfall, William: Woodfall's law of landlord and tenant [loose-leaf]





Database Search Tips

Using Connectors

Sometimes when you are carrying out online research you may need to use connectors in order to make your search more specific. The most commonly used connectors are AND and OR. Grammatical connectors which allow you to search for words and phrases within a specified distance of each other can also help to provide more relevant search results. Some examples of how to use these are featured below.

To find words within the same sentence

| Justis & Lexis Library | w/s | e.g. olympic w/s bid | | |
|---|-----|--|--|--|
| Westlaw | /s | e.g. olympic /s bid | | |
| To find words within the same paragraph | | | | |
| Justis & Lexis Library | w/p | e.g. hearsay w/p admissibility | | |
| Westlaw | /р | e.g. hearsay / p admissibility | | |
| To find words within "n" terms of each other (where "n" is a number) | | | | |
| The following examples will find documents containing the two given words occurring within 3 words of each other. | | | | |
| Justis & Lexis Library | w/3 | e.g. person w/3 jurisdiction | | |
| Westlaw | /3 | e.g. person /3 jurisdiction | | |

Using Wild Cards and Truncators

Wild cards and truncators can be used in place of one or more characters in a word when you are unsure of the spelling or want to search for words with variant endings.

Justis

- * Use for any number of characters in the middle or at the end of a word e.g. liab* finds liability, liabilities, liable.
- ? Use for any single character in the middle or at the end of a word e.g. compl?ment finds compliment and complement.
- Use if you are unsure if there is a space, no space or a hyphen between the elements of a compound word e.g. data-base finds data base, database and data-base.

Lawtel

* Use to find words with variant endings e.g. employ* will find employed, employee, employer, etc.

Lexis Library

- ! Use to find a word root with variant endings e.g. pollut! finds pollution, pollute or polluted.
- Use to replace one character at any point in a word; using ** will replace two characters
 e.g. P**rson finds Pearson and Pierson.

Westlaw

- ! Use to find a word root with variant endings e.g. object! will retrieve object, objected, objection, objecting, objectionable.
- Use for words with variable characters
 e.g. withdr*w will return withdraw and withdrew.

Searching for Phrases

To ensure that the whole phrase is searched for and not each word separately, services such as Westlaw, Lawtel, Lexis Library and Justis all require quotation marks, e.g. "paternity leave".

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Wildy & Sons: A Note from the Archives

The note below was written by W.W. Sinkins, grandfather of the current owner, as an introduction to Wildy's first post-war catalogue in November 1946. During the war in addition to running Wildy's he was an ARP Warden and (as he describes) witnessed the bombing of the Temple in 1941.



We commenced business at our present shop 116 years ago in the reign of George IV, but we barely survived the War, as we lost several premises and warehouses, the most regretted being our shop, The Cloisters, Temple, built by Sir Christopher Wren, and a basement warehouse in Lamb Building, Temple, the writer having the bitter experience of seeing these premises, the Temple Church, Inner Temple Library and many others destroyed by enemy action on 10-11 May, 1941 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Next day enemy aircraft appeared to be incessant.

To see tens of thousands of books, many irreplaceable, destroyed is sad, and the world (not excepting enemy countries) is the poorer. Another warehouse near Chancery Lane was bombed, but after many weeks of dangerous labour in the condemned premises we managed to salvage many lorry loads of books and placed them in the basement of 3 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. Two days after we had finished, a bomb fell and destroyed the lot.

Another cause of our near extinction was that owing to War Service, at one time our staff consisted of **exactly one**, and he (aged over sixty) was in the Home Guard. Fortunately our HQ in Lincoln's Inn remained intact with the exception of losing all the glass several times.

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Visitors

Ufuoma Lamikanra, Reader Services Librarian at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, was given a tour of the Library in June. She was based at the IALS in London during her stay in the UK.





Stephen Davison, Helena Dean and Matteo Di Dominica from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library were recent visitors to our Library and were given a tour by Tracey Dennis, the Deputy Librarian.

Some Highlights of the Non-law Collection

Our Library was never 'just' a law library; it was probably only in the later nineteenth century, with the proliferation of specialist, subject-based law report series, that the law holdings began to attain their current prominence. Featured below are a few of the more notable illustrated books.



Hartmann Schedel: *Liber Chronicarum*. Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 1493

The Library's earliest non-law book and "the first great picture-book for the bourgeoisie", the *Nuremberg Chronicle* contains 1804 illustrations by Michael Wohlgemut and Wilhelm Pleydenwurff, composed from 650 distinct woodblocks.



John Ogilby: The Entertainment of His most excellent Majestie Charles II in his passage through the city of London to his coronation. London: for Richard Mariot & Thomas Dring, 1662

The illustrations, by Hollar and others, depict processions (as here) and the triumphal arches set up at the various gates of the city. Pepys (*Diary*, 19 February 1666) records taking delivery of this and Ogilby's *Fables of Aesop* and paying £4 for the two.



Pierre d'Hancarville: *Antiquités étrusques, grecques et romaines, tirées du cabinet du M. William Hamilton.* Naples: Printed by F. Morelli, 1766-1767

A description of the collection of antiquities assembled by Sir William Hamilton while envoy extraordinary at the Spanish court in Naples. The illustrations, by Giuseppe Bracci and others, spread the vogue for the 'antique' in the decorative arts, not least by their influence on Josiah Wedgwood.

D a v i d Roberts: *The Holy L a n d*. London: F.G. Moon, 1842-1849



Roberts's drawings, lithographed

by Louis Hage, are accompanied by historical descriptions by George Croly. The printing, which involved over 600 lithographic stones, was at the time the most ambitious lithographic printing project ever undertaken.

Though they are not added to as assiduously as they once were, the Library's collections in the fields of British history, biography, topography, literature and heraldry are still extensive. Non-law books (though not, for obvious reasons, items such as those mentioned above) may be borrowed by Inner Temple barristers in London chambers and by Inner Temple tenants.



New Acquisitions

Relatively seldom, in recent years, have we been in a position to announce that we are to subscribe to an entirely new periodical title. We especially welcome Journal of Commonwealth criminal law, embracing as it does two of our specialisms among the Inn libraries. It is edited by James Richardson QC. editor of Archbold and an



ad eundem member of the Inner Temple.

Another valuable addition to the Commonwealth law collection is British Overseas Territories law by Ian Hendry and Susan Dickson. This manual of law and practice relating to the fourteen remaining BOTs (Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; Cayman Islands; Falkland Islands; Gibraltar; Montserrat; Pitcairn Islands; St Helena. Ascension & Tristan da Cunha: South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands; Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus; Turks & Caicos Islands; Virgin Islands) describes their constitutional relationship with the United Kingdom, their legislative, executive and judicial authority and controls, their sources of law and their human rights protection measures.



Abigail Bond's Care proceedings and learning disabled parents is а handbook for those involved in care proceedings where one or both of the parents is learning disabled. It sets out the relevant government policy and guidance in this area, examines the statutory framework relevant to social workers in the fields of adult learning disability and children's services, analyses the legal and practical problems likely to arise in learning disability cases, and concludes by focusing on the reported cases where learning disability has been an important feature.

Three new books of particular (and immediate) contemporary relevance are *Covert policing law and practice* by Simon McKay, Monty Raphael's *Blackstone's guide to the Bribery Act 2010* and the second edition of Tugendhat and Christie's *Law of privacy and the media.*



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Master Tugendhat kindly presented a copy of the last-mentioned book, and we must record our thanks to the following who have done likewise with their own published works: James Lee (editor) for *From House of Lords to Supreme Court*; Paul Reid for *Ashton and Reid on clubs and associations*, 2nd edition; Stephen Field for his *Prison law index 2010-2011*; Alistair Macdonald QC for his *The rights of the child: law*



practice: Kenneth and Richardson for Law and Society: which is to be master? comprising papers from the symposia held during the Temple 2008 Festival; Nicholas Yeo (coauthor) for Money laundering law and regulation; and Master Morland (chairman) for The Rosemary Nelson Inquiry report.