



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 librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk

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.



October

29 October Lincoln's Inn

November

5 November Middle Temple
12 November Gray's Inn
19 November Inner Temple
26 November Lincoln's Inn

December

3 December Middle Temple
10 December Gray's Inn
17 December Inner Temple
24 December CLOSED
31 December CLOSED

January

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

To view a Saturday Opening Timetable up to July 2012 click [here](#).

Library Partitioning Proposal

During this year, as part of a wider review of the utilisation of the Inn's space resources, the Executive Committee has been considering the feasibility and desirability of partitioning Rooms E, F and G in the Library to allow them to be used for Education and Training events, Committee meetings and some external events after 5pm and at weekends.

The Commonwealth and Scottish collections and some of the public access PCs are housed in the rooms concerned, and the access to Wi-Fi facilities is also in these rooms.

If the proposal goes ahead, it is envisaged that there would be soundproofing between rooms E, F and G and other parts of the Library (and between the rooms themselves), and that alternative Wi-Fi arrangements would be made. When a room was being used for a meeting or training purposes, those wishing to use the Library would have to work in Rooms C, D and J, and when a room was being so used access to the collections would have to be by a librarian retrieving the book(s) required. Facilities such as Wi-Fi and PCs would be reduced.

To assist in assessing the impact on Library users, an email was sent out from the Master of the Library to members of the Inn and barrister tenants, who were invited to comment on the partitioning proposal.

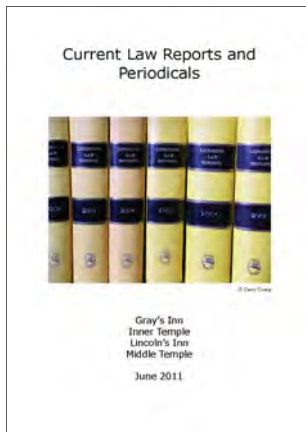
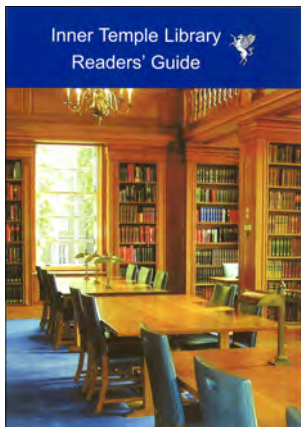
A number of respondents shared the concerns of the Library Committee. The Executive Committee hopes that those fears may be allayed and has decided to commission a fully costed and detailed proposal before determining whether the proposal should proceed.



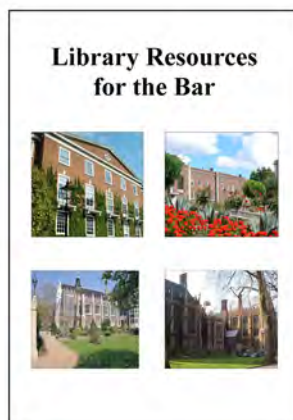
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Library Guides

The Library has produced new editions of a number of its guides. These are now available in the Library or they can be [downloaded](#) from the website.

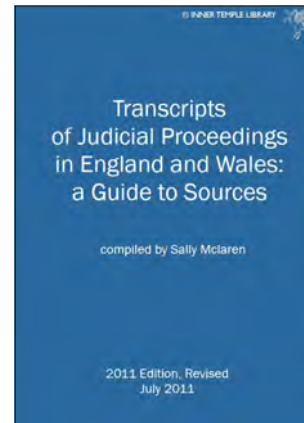


A new edition of [Library Resources for the Bar](#), a guide to the Libraries of the four Inns of Court, has also just been published and is available in the Library and on the website. This edition of the guide features details of the [Inn Libraries specialisation scheme](#).



Transcripts Guide

In the last issue of the Newsletter we mentioned that we were having to update the content of the Transcripts Guide which we published as a pdf in February 2011. This revision is to take account of changes caused by the creation of Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service and the creation of the comprehensive new government web portal, Justice.



The updating has now been completed and the content is, as far as possible, current as at July 2011. Users who purchased the guide in February have been sent a copy of the updated version.

The guide has been purchased by individual barristers, chambers, law firms, government departments and academic libraries. Dr Peter Clinch, author of *Legal research: a practitioners' handbook*, described it as *a unique, comprehensive and essential legal research source*, and referred to its *attractive presentation of masses of advice and contact information*.

Click [here](#) for details of how to order the guide.

Current Awareness Update

We now monitor a selection of chambers' websites with a view to including articles and conference papers on the [Current Awareness blog](#) where appropriate. A list of the chambers currently being monitored is available on the [Sources](#) page of the blog.



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Student Events and Activities

In September the Deputy Librarian gave two presentations at the City Law School on the services offered by the four Inn Libraries to BPTC students. Over 35 students attended. The presentation was also given for the first time at Kaplan Law School where 60 students were in attendance. The presentation is available as a [slideshow](#) on the Library's website.

The Library was represented at the Inn's introductory evenings for London and out-of-London students. As in previous years a range of Library guides and leaflets was on display and the Deputy Librarian was on hand to answer students' questions. The students who are not based in London expressed great interest in the Library's [guide](#) for out-of-London students.



Presentation at City Law School

Tours and Inductions

Library tours for new BPTC students were scheduled in early September. Any student who missed the tours and who would like to be shown round the Library may contact the Deputy Librarian, Tracey Dennis, at tdennis@innertemple.org.uk to arrange a suitable time. Alternatively a [virtual tour](#) is available for student members and others unable to visit the Library in person.

We are also happy to organise Library inductions for pupils. This can be in the form of a tour or we can provide refresher training on the main legal databases (Justis, Lawtel, Lexis and Westlaw). Please contact Tracey Dennis to make an appointment.

Inner Temple Lecture Series

The theme for the 2011 Lecture Series is "The Independence of the Profession and the Judiciary".

14 November 2011

Professor Christopher Forsyth

Judicial Review: The Handmaidens of Democracy

Location: Inner Temple Hall

Registration: 18.00-18.30

Lecture: 18.30-19.30

Drinks Reception: 19.30-20.30

Dress Code: Dark suits

Costs: £12.70 for Inner Temple barristers, £7.00 for Inner Temple students, £15.00 for members of the other Inns of Court.

1 CPD point for the lecture.

For further information email Jacqueline Fenton
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BBC4 Filming

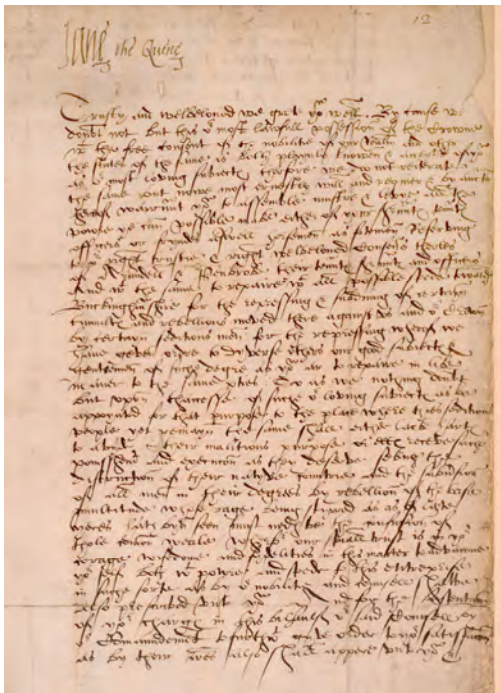


Dr Helen Castor

During the summer two of the Royal letters from the Library's Manuscript Collection were used in the filming of a forthcoming BBC4 series, *She Wolves*. The series is based on the [book](#) of the same name and will be presented by the book's author, Helen Castor. The series tells the stories of women who played their part in ruling England before Queen Elizabeth I, paying particular

attention to Matilda (1101-1169), Eleanor of Aquitaine (1122-1204), Isabelle of France (1292-1358), Margaret of Anjou (1430-1482), Lady Jane Grey (1537-1554) and Mary I (1516-1558).

Letter of Lady Jane Grey as Queen



Visitors

A group of librarians from the [Bodleian Law Library](#) were recent visitors to our Library and were shown around by Tracey Dennis, the Deputy Librarian. Ruth Bird, Bodleian Law Librarian, commented that the tour was "informative and enjoyable." As a result of the visit there is now a link on the Bodleian Law Library's website to our own [Current Awareness blog](#).



ICLR Online Service

The Librarian and Deputy Librarian attended the launch of The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting's new online service in the Middle Temple Hall on 18 October.

This new service will allow practitioners access to The Law Reports, The Weekly Law Reports, The Industrial Cases Reports, The Business Law Reports and the Public and Third Sector Law Reports. It also includes the ICLR's Consolidated Index.

For further information see www.iclr.co.uk.



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A Visit to the Royal Courts of Justice Library

Roia McHugh writes

Being completely new to the world of legal librarianship, one of the things I have enjoyed most about my new post is the opportunity to visit other law libraries to witness the variations in practice and atmosphere that exist. On 7 September a small gang consisting of myself, my fellow Library Assistant Mark Leonard, Senior Library Assistant Simon Hindley and Deputy Librarian Tracey Dennis crossed over Fleet Street to take a look inside the Royal Courts of Justice Library.

Once inside the main hall we were met by the Librarian, Stephanie Curran, and escorted through the maze of the Courts to the Library. The Library has a staff of six, although on the day of our visit only Stephanie and Library Assistant Philip Rowbottom were on duty. The Library comprises two rooms separated by a staircase; the first room, which you enter from the stairs, is what used to be the old Bar Library (and still retains the Inns of Court shields on the walls). This room houses the Library's textbooks and legislation collections, including some European and Commonwealth materials. The textbooks are catalogued according to the Moys classification system. Through the hall is what was the traditional Justices Library, and this houses the journals and law reports taken by the Library; these are simply shelved alphabetically.

The Library acts as the central hub for circuit Judges, Judges in situ and members of the Civil Service. While the Library itself has extensive holdings, including many major textbooks and law reports series, each judge situated in the courts also receives an allocation of the Library budget to spend on texts, law reports and journals that they have a particular interest in, allowing them to specialise in certain areas.

Stephanie was kind enough to sit down with us and talk us through the everyday running of the Library, and also to discuss some of the changes affecting both the Library and the Civil Service in general brought about by the reorganisations currently under way. She also demonstrated the intranet used by Library staff to communicate news and library events to the justices.

We were then taken on a tour of the Library by Philip who, having been employed there for 25 years, regaled us with many anecdotes arising from his everyday work. It is always encouraging for me, as one who is relatively new to the profession, to meet someone who has a wealth of experience in the role yet still has vast amounts of enthusiasm and affection for the job they do.

After seeing the Library we were also given an opportunity to view some of the interior of the RCJ, including the court rooms, and it was pleasing to see some images from the Inner Temple's manuscript collection on display along with a historical collection of judge's attire.

Our visit to the RCJ Library was an enjoyable expedition and has certainly helped me appreciate the varied ways in which law libraries can successfully operate to meet the needs of their particular usership.

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Database Search Tips

Finding Local Acts with legislation.gov.uk

Local Acts are distinct from Public General Acts in that they affect a particular area, body or person and are not of general application.

You can usually identify a Local Act by its citation: the chapter number will be in Roman numerals rather than Arabic.

legislation.gov.uk is the official UK database for legislation. It contains all Local Acts from 1991 onwards and has incomplete coverage between 1857 and 1990. The legislation may be shown as originally enacted or as amended. "What Version" on the left of the screen indicates which version you are able to view.

You can use the search box to find a Local Act. There are options to search by title and year and you can specify that you only want to search Local Acts.

You can also search by citation, using the Year and Number boxes. Remember that even though Local Acts are cited with Roman numerals, you have to put the number in *Arabic* numerals. Also you can only use calendar years, not regnal years.

There is an option to browse by year.

A list of results will appear. Click on the hit you need. A table of contents for the Act will usually be displayed. You can then click on the section you

need. If a PDF is available this will be shown on the left of the screen.

There is also a Changes to Local and Private and Personal Acts section on legislation.gov.uk. This lists changes to Local, Private and Personal Acts dating from 1797 to 2008. Local, Private and Personal Acts are listed in their chronological sequence along with details of repeals, amendments and substitutions. The information is updated each year. This information is found on the home page under the heading Changes to Legislation. From there go to Changes to Local and Private and Personal Acts and then select Chronological Table of Local Acts.



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AccessToLaw: New Zealand

[AccessToLaw's](#) Commonwealth section covers a range of large and small jurisdictions around the world. In this issue we focus on a major common law jurisdiction which will have been in many minds for non-legal reasons over recent weeks as host nation of the Rugby World Cup: [New Zealand](#).

The body of existing English law was received into New Zealand as at 14 January 1840, the year in which the controversial Treaty of Waitangi was concluded between the British Crown and Māori chiefs. For some years thereafter New Zealand was legislated for directly from Westminster. The New Zealand Parliament was established in 1852, but it is only since the enactment of the Statute of Westminster Adoption Act 1947 that New Zealand has been fully responsible for its laws and legal system.

An excellent starting point for those seeking information on its legal system is **Introduction to New Zealand Law & Sources of Legal Information**. This is one of the useful series of jurisdiction guides, in narrative form with links to primary sources and other relevant sites, published on the GlobalLex website. The guide was updated only a few months ago, in April 2011.

Two sites which provide for a subject approach to New Zealand law are the New Zealand government's **LawAccess** site and Thomson Reuters' **FindLaw New Zealand**.

For those who wish to go straight to primary materials there is the website of the New Zealand Legal Information Institute, **NZLII**. As New Zealand's contribution to the Free Access to Law Movement, its equivalent to BAILII, AustLII and other such sites, it provides free access to primary legal materials (legislation, case law and treaties) and also to some law reform materials and journals.

Besides NZLII, New Zealand legislation is freely available on the government website **New Zealand**

Legislation. This covers Acts, Regulations and Bills, and includes a glossary and other useful information and guidance. Current Bills are also available, together with Hansard and other materials, on the official **New Zealand Parliament** site. Further unofficial information on the workings of the Parliament and its MPs may be had on the volunteer-run site **TheyWorkForYou.co.nz**.

For case law too there are additional resources besides NZLII. The government maintain a website, **Courts of New Zealand**, which includes judgments as well as Supreme Court case summaries, practice directions and information on the history, structure and role of New Zealand's courts. There is also a section devoted to the courts on the **Ministry of Justice** site, which includes a searchable database of New Zealand judgments and decisions, entitled **Judicial Decisions Online**. **Directory of Decisions** is a section of the University of Waikato Library site providing a directory of courts, tribunals and other decision-making bodies. It includes information on where decisions of each court are reported.

Several sites reflect the present level of interest, much increased in recent decades, in the law relating to the rights of the indigenous peoples of the world generally, and of Māori in particular. **Indigenous Peoples and the Law** is a site hosted by the Victoria University of Wellington, no longer updated but containing many articles and extensive links concerned with the law relating to indigenous peoples both in New Zealand and internationally. Others include the University of Auckland's **Māori Land Legislation Database**, the monthly journal **Māori Law Review**, and **Waitangi Tribunal**. The Tribunal is a permanent commission of inquiry which makes recommendations to the New Zealand government on the settlement of claims relating to the Treaty of Waitangi made under the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975. The site includes guidance on the claims process and all reports published since the Tribunal's establishment, both in full text and in summary.



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New Acquisitions

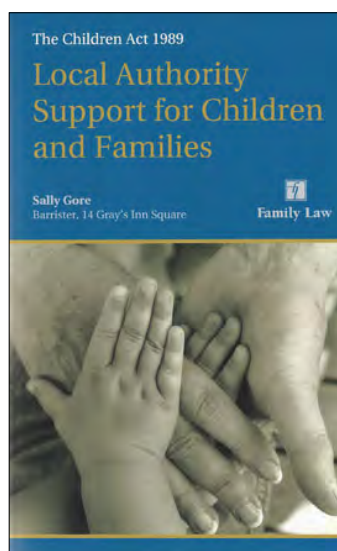
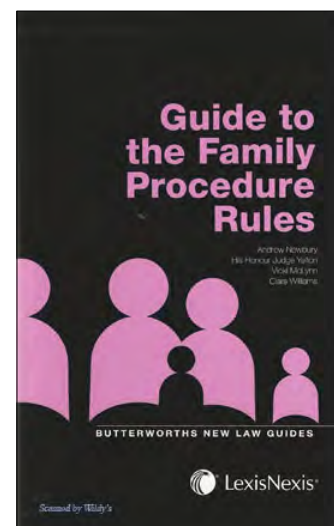
Firstly, thanks are due to the following, who have kindly presented new titles and editions to the Library: John A. Kimbell (joint author with Nigel Meeson) for *Admiralty jurisdiction and practice*, 4th edition; the Middle Temple for *History of the Middle Temple*, edited by Richard O. Havery; Henry King (contributor) for *The Law of privilege*, 2nd edition, edited by Bankim Thanki; Victor Joffe QC, David Drake, Giles Richardson, Daniel Lightman and Timothy Collingwood (co-authors) for *Minority shareholders: law, practice and procedure*, 4th edition; and Master Tugendhat for *Thomas More's trial by jury*, which arises from a conference in which he participated.



Several new books relate to child/family law, one of the areas for which we are responsible under the Inns of Court Libraries' specialisation scheme. Alisdair Gillespie's *Child pornography: law and policy* (Routledge) brings the wider literature (in the fields of psychology, sociology and psychiatry) to bear on the legal and policy frameworks relating to child pornography, questioning both the appropriateness and the effectiveness of the law in this context.

Guide to the Family Procedure Rules by Andrew Newbury and others (LexisNexis) explains in detail key concepts of the new Rules of 2010 and their implications for practitioners. It identifies

areas of potential difficulty and provides guidance and tips on the new procedure. Highlighting the difference between the old rules and the new rules, this book includes relevant Practice Directions and a guide to the few circumstances in which the CPR rather than the FPR apply.



Sally Gore's *The Children Act 1989: local authority support for children and families* (Jordan) provides a detailed examination of Part III of the Act, which imposed a number of duties on local authorities to provide services to families and children and has consequently given rise to numerous applications for judicial

review, many of which are discussed here. The book includes chapters on Section 20 accommodation, age assessments of unaccompanied asylum-seekers, duties owed to children in need, secure accommodation, local authority responsibilities under the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000, amendments to the legislation following the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 and the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010.



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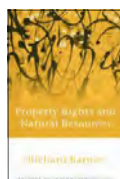
Work equipment claims by Simon Brindle and Stephen Glynn, published under the imprint of their chambers, 9 Gough Square, contains in-depth analysis of the major decisions concerning failed or unsuitable equipment claims, the relevant statutory provisions and HSE

guidance thereon. Additional chapters concern work-related upper limb disorder claims, in particular where these arise out of the use of display screen equipment, and claims relating to personal protective equipment.

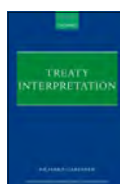
The Inner Temple Book Prize 2011

The final shortlist of seven books is as follows:

Main Prize



Richard Barnes
Property rights and natural resources
Hart Publishing



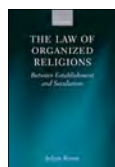
Richard Gardiner
Treaty interpretation
Oxford University Press



Sarah Green and John Randall
The tort of conversion
Hart Publishing

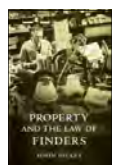


Paul D. Halliday
Habeas corpus
Harvard University Press



Julian Rivers
The law of organised religion: between establishment and secularism
Oxford University Press

New Authors



Robin Hickey
Property and the law of finders
Hart Publishing



Tom Hickman
Public law after the Human Rights Act
Hart Publishing

The panel of judges has now met to decide upon the winners of the Main Prize and the New Author's prize. The award ceremony will be held on 8 December with prizes being presented by The Royal Treasurer, Master HRH The Princess Royal.

