



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.



January

28 January Inner Temple

February

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

March

3 March Lincoln's Inn
10 March Middle Temple
17 March Gray's Inn
24 March Inner Temple
31 March Lincoln's Inn

April

7 April CLOSED
14 April Middle Temple
21 April Gray's Inn
28 April Inner Temple

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

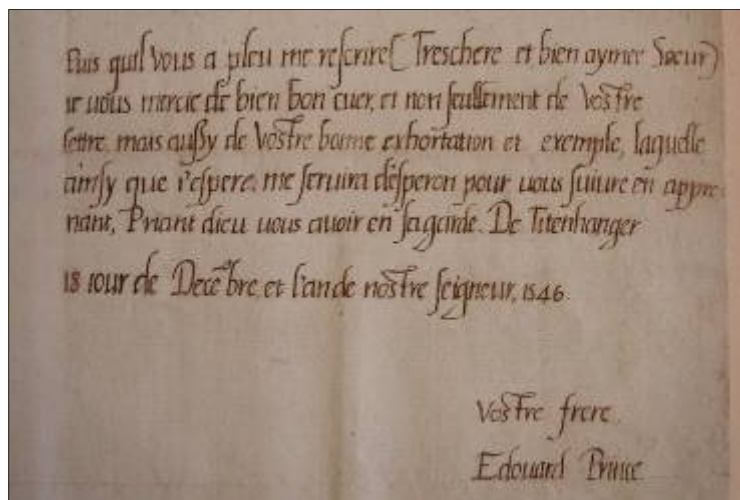
Grand Night

The Royal Treasurer, Master HRH The Princess Royal, and Benchers of the Inn visited the exhibition in the Library on the evening of Grand Day, 9 November 2011.

Among the manuscripts on display were a number of autograph royal letters from the Tudor and Stuart periods as well as items from our collection of finely illustrated printed books on non-legal subjects.



The Royal Treasurer, Master HRH The Princess Royal, and Margaret Clay, Librarian and Keeper of Manuscripts



A holograph letter from Prince Edward (afterwards Edward VI) to his sister, Elizabeth, 18 December 1546

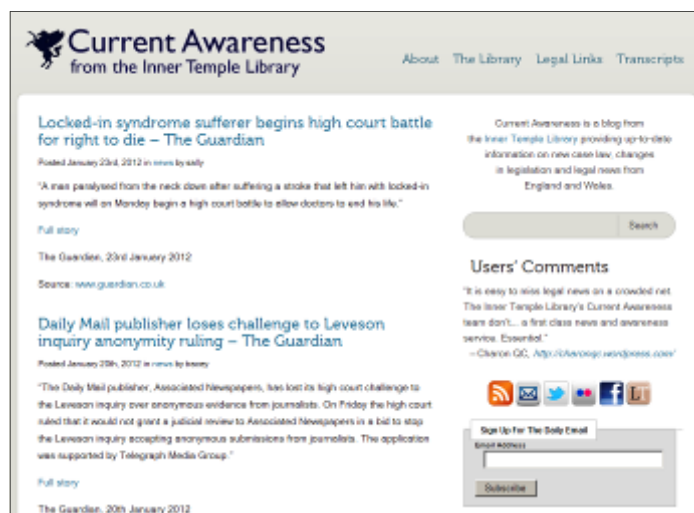


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- [AccessToLaw](#) – there have been 58,938 visits to our legal gateway site from 183 countries, the majority coming from the UK, US, Ireland and India. The sections of the site accessed most frequently were Case Law, Health & Social Care Law, Personal Injury, Courts & Tribunals and Immigration & Asylum.
- Bar Librarians Group – the Librarian organised three meetings during the year. Representatives from Sweet & Maxwell attended one of the meetings. The pricing of print and electronic resources continued to be one of the main topics for discussion.
- Binding – a total of 507 volumes of UK law and 91 volumes of Commonwealth law have been bound or rebound during the year.
- Book Prize – the Deputy Librarian, who is a member of the Book Prize Committee, assisted with preparations for the [2011 Inner Temple Book Prize](#), which was presented by The Princess Royal in December.
- Cataloguing – the number of new law titles and editions added to the [catalogue](#) during the year was 176. Serial volumes, non-law titles and reference works have accounted for many hundreds more. The revision of catalogue entries for older Caribbean law material (amounting in many cases to recataloguing) has been completed. This was necessary because this material was catalogued at a time when it was in remote storage and so the volumes themselves could not be examined at first hand, the result being some inadequate or inaccurate records. An important by-product of the cataloguing process is the very popular subject guide to the textbook collection, which has been revised and reprinted several times during the year.

- Committees – the Librarian attended meetings of the Inter Inn Libraries Liaison Committee, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library Committee and of the Institute Librarians Group.
- [Current Awareness Blog](#) – the web host for the blog was changed during the year; this provided



an opportunity to redesign the site and re-launch the service, which has now been running for nearly 5 years. The blog features the latest news stories, plus details of new case law and changes in legislation. We have also started to monitor selected chambers' websites with a view to including case comments, articles and conference papers where appropriate. Subject categories now appear in a drop-down menu, which includes the number of items within each category. Users can sign up to receive daily current awareness updates by email or RSS feed, or follow the blog on [Twitter](#). 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. The blog now has 22,000 posts, 1,000 subject categories, 2,000 subscribers via email or RSS feed and 2,222 followers on Twitter. There are about 20,000



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visits per month, from over 100 countries, with the majority coming from the UK, US, India and Australia. Our statistics show that a growing number of readers are accessing the blog via mobile devices, primarily iPads, iPhones and Blackberries.

- [Document Supply Service](#) – the service has been extended to include barrister members of all four Inns, wherever their chambers are based. Over the year, 266 items have been supplied to members located in the UK and in Antigua, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Gibraltar, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Northern Ireland and Turks and Caicos Islands.
- Donations – members of the Inn continue to present copies of their newly published works. This resulted in a saving of £2,896 on monographs and £6,485 on looseleaves in 2011. [Wildy's](#) also donate a copy of all Wildy, Simmonds & Hill publications to the Library.
- Enquiries – staff at the Enquiry Point dealt with 4,000 personal and telephone enquiries from barristers, pupils, students, clerks and researchers.
- [Facebook](#) – the Library's Facebook page, which was created to promote Library services and as an additional way of communicating with our users, now has 639 fans. The Library also has a



[Google+](#) page which mirrors the content of its Facebook page. Photographs taken during filming in the Library, and of visitors to the Library, have been added to both the Facebook and Google+ pages.

- FAQs – a new FAQ on Parliamentary Publications has been prepared and is ready to be added to the Library website. Other [Legal research FAQs](#) cover UK and EU case law and legislation, and treaty research. Our website statistics show that the FAQs are becoming one of the most frequently accessed sections of the site.
- Filming – two of the Royal letters from the Library's manuscript collection are to be featured in a forthcoming BBC4 series, *She Wolves*, and a National Geographic series on *The Tower of London*. The Marshall Hall press cuttings will feature in a documentary series, *The Strange Case of the Law*, also on BBC4.
- Guides – a new edition of [Library Resources for the Bar](#), a guide to the Libraries of the four Inns of Court, was published in 2011. This features details of the [Inn Libraries specialisation scheme](#). The content of the Readers' Guide, Student Guide, Quick Reference Guide, and guides to online services, has also been updated. All the guides are available in the Library or can be [downloaded](#) from the website.

Library Resources for the Bar





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- **Historical Enquiries** – the steady stream of genealogical enquiries continues to be dealt with in close co-operation with the Inn's Archivist and the staff of the other three Inn Libraries. Aside from these we have been consulted on a very wide range of subjects, including: classical authors represented in our Library before the 18th century; procedure in murder trials at the turn of the 19th century; transportation to the American colonies; and an initially baffling mention of the Inner Temple in an annotation to John Horne Tooke's *Diversions of Purley* (1786).
- **IT Facilities** – the 24 public access PCs continue to be well used for legal research, word processing and checking emails. Over 1,200 word processing sessions were booked during the year on the PCs in the Gallery. The Wi-Fi access provided in rooms E, F and G continues to be popular with students and barristers.
- **Legal Research** – The Deputy Librarian completed a series of 10 legal research training sessions for both Library Assistants.
- **Littleton Basement** – a total of 222 items were retrieved from the Library's basement store in the Littleton Building in response to readers' requests. Many of the items were old editions of practitioners' texts and law reports (UK and Commonwealth). Such items are not easily obtainable outside of the Inns of Court Libraries and are not available online.
- **Manuscript Enquiries** – there is continuing demand for the illuminated folios showing the courts in session around 1460 for use as illustrations in new books. The Court of King's Bench and Court of Common Pleas folios are especially popular. A folio from our copy of Macrobius's *Commentary on Somnium Scipionis* (mid 12th century) recently featured on the cover

of a monograph on the cardinal virtues in the middle ages. Subjects being studied by visiting scholars and correspondents have included coronation oaths and the divine right of kings, Latinity versus vernacularity in medieval chronicles, the 17th-century architects William Winde and Elizabeth Wilbraham, John Playford's Clerk's Book relating to the Temple



Macrobius's *Commentary on Somnium Scipionis*

Church, and, as last year, the Countess of Pembroke's translation of Petrarch's "The Triumph of Death". A large portion of Petyt MS. 538.7 was photographed to provide important reference material for the staff of the History of Parliament Project, who are compiling biographical data on the members of the 1621 Parliament.

- **Newsletter** – four issues of the Library's electronic newsletter were sent out in January, April, July and October to all members and tenants of the Inn.
- **Online Services** – use of the online subscription services continues to increase, in particular Westlaw. The ICLR has given the Library free access to its new online service and a subscription has been taken out with Justis for an archive database of England and Wales Judgments.



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- Presentations – the Deputy Librarian gave two presentations at the City Law School on the services offered by the four Inn Libraries to BPTC students. The presentation was also given for the first time at Kaplan Law School. The presentation is available on the website as a [slide show](#).



BPTC students at City Law School

- Publicity – a number of Library initiatives received very favourable comments in the press and via the blogosphere. Dr Peter Clinch, author of *Legal research: a practitioner's handbook* described our Transcripts Guide as “a unique, comprehensive and essential legal research source”. The Current Awareness blog was described in *The Times* as “an extremely useful digest of latest resolutions and legal news stories from around the web, updated regularly”, and by Adam Wagner of [UK Human Rights Blog](#) as “the simplest and most reliable way for lawyers to keep up to date with what is going on in the legal world. The Inner Temple Library team never miss an important event or article.” The Twitter feed for the Current Awareness blog was listed at number two in the [LondonlovesBusiness](#) list of *London's 20 most influential tweeters: Law*.
- Pupils – the Deputy Librarian gave tours to pupils from a number of chambers including Blackstone Chambers, Fountain Court and

Paper Buildings, and also carried out one-to-one sessions for pupils requiring refresher training on databases.

- Space Planning – Indian *Supreme Court Reports* were moved from Room F to the Littleton Basement to create more space for other Commonwealth series. Some of the older volumes of the *Official Journal of the European Union* were also transferred to create more growth space for the *European Court Reports* in Room C.
- Staff Changes – Roia McHugh joined the Library staff in February, replacing Rebecca Ramsbottom, who left to take up a position of Assistant Librarian at the House of Lords. Roia previously worked in public and medical libraries and is currently studying for an MSc in Information and Library Studies via distance learning at Aberystwyth University.
- Student Events – the Library participated in the Inn's introductory evenings for London and for out of London students, and organised tours for new BPTC students in September.
- [Surveys](#) – online and in-house surveys of Library usage were carried out in April. The results of the surveys were complementary and broadly consistent. More than half of the respondents who used the Library were members of the Inner or Middle Temple or had chambers in the Temple. Students who used the Library commented that it was the best environment for research. More than half of the respondents made use of staff assistance during their visits (compared with 17.5% in 2002), and many commented on the helpfulness and expertise of staff, who now have to provide guidance on electronic as well as print resources. The most often stated reason for



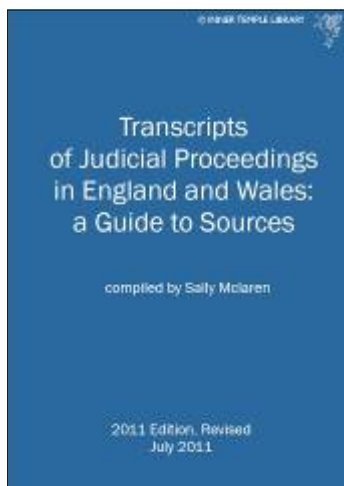
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visiting the Library was still to research for a case or opinion but there was also a marked increase in the number of respondents who valued the Library as a “quiet or convenient place to work”. Responses showed that the print collections continued to be well used, in particular textbooks, law reports, journals and looseleaf works. Respondents’ use of textbooks and law reports had increased from 50% and 59% respectively in 2002 to 88.1% and 88.9% in 2011. The materials most frequently used for research were in areas of English law, EU law, European human rights and Commonwealth law. More than half the users on survey days made use of non-current material.

- Training – courses attended by Library staff included finding and understanding legal information, legal reference materials, sources of foreign and international law, European case law, branding the library and information service, planning and delivering drop-in sessions, caring for book bindings, and searching without Google, as well as the conference of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians.

- [Transcripts Guide](#) – a revised version of our 2006 guide to sources of transcripts of judicial proceedings in England and Wales was published as a pdf document in February, and reissued in the autumn to take account of changes to government websites. The 2011 guide has been expanded to include sources of tribunal as



well as court transcripts. The guide has been purchased by individual barristers, chambers, law firms, government departments and academic libraries, and sales total £2,536.

- Visits – during the year we were visited by law librarians from the Bodleian Law Library, House of Lords, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the other Inns. Library staff have visited the Royal Courts of Justice Library and the Supreme Court Library.
- [Website](#) – the Library website was re-launched in July 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 on the home page. Page design is clearer and new images have been added. The site has details of the Library’s [collections](#) and [services](#), plus links to the [online catalogue](#), [Current Awareness blog](#), [AccessToLaw](#) and to [FAQs](#) on legal research. It also includes a [virtual tour](#), [slide shows](#) of the Library past and present and illustrated histories of the [Library](#) and of the [Inn](#).



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BBC4 Filming



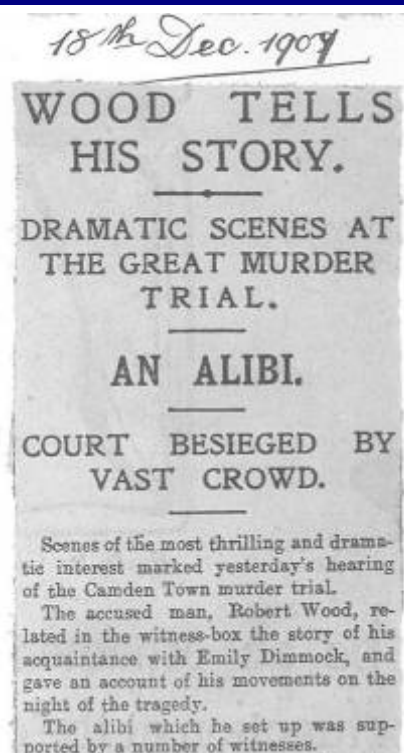
Rev. Harry Potter, presenter of *The Strange Case of the Law*

The Library will be featured as one of the locations in a forthcoming BBC4 documentary series, *The Strange Case of the Law*. With an emphasis on criminal law, the series will explore, amongst other topics, the origins of the jury, habeas corpus and the rise of the adversarial system. Edward Marshall Hall's press cuttings on the Camden Town Murder trial, which are held by the Library, were used in the filming and will feature in part 3 of the series.



on 12 September 1907. Robert Wood, a designer

and artist, was tried for her murder and acquitted. It is acknowledged that he was saved from the gallows following a brilliant defence by Marshall Hall QC. This trial was the first time since the passing of the 1898 Criminal Evidence Act that an accused man in a criminal trial had been able to give evidence in his own defence. The murderer of Emily Dimmock was never found, although Jack the Ripper and the artist, Walter Sickert, have both been mentioned as suspects.



Visits



On 2 December 2011 a group of Librarians from the House of Lords Library were given a tour of the Library and the opportunity to view selected manuscripts from the Inn's collection.



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Current Awareness Update

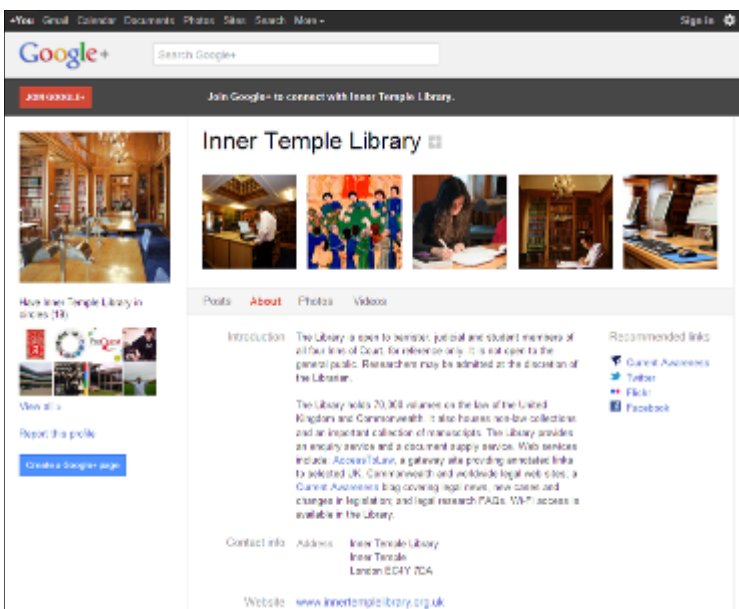
The posts on the [Current Awareness blog](#) are indexed using the same subject categories as the Library catalogue. Users of the blog are able to filter what they receive by subscribing to individual subject category feeds by RSS. A full list of category feeds can be found [here](#).

Since individual subject category feeds are quite specific we have decided to introduce bundled groups of feeds under broader subject areas. Our first bundled feed is for Family Law. We are treating this as an ongoing project and will be adding more groups of bundled feeds in the future.

More information can be found on the [Bundled feeds page](#).

Google+

Google+ is a new social networking platform, which is similar to Facebook. The Library has created a [Google+ page](#), featuring information and links to our services, news and photo sets.



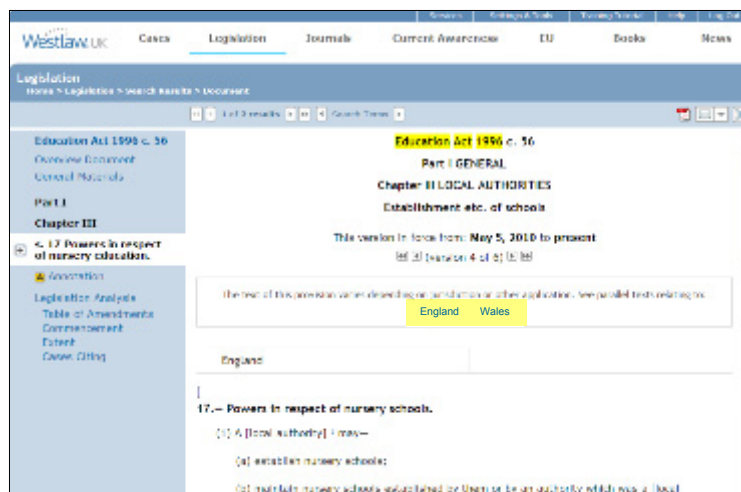
New Online Services

The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting has given the four Inns of Court Libraries free access to its new online service which was launched last autumn.

The Library now has access to a new Justis database which covers England and Wales Judgments in the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) 1951-1992.

Database Search Tips

Westlaw has recently introduced a Jurisdictional View feature to its legislation database.



This allows you to know whether a provision is relevant to a particular UK jurisdiction and to see immediately if a piece of legislation has varying texts according to jurisdiction.

When you are looking at a piece of legislation and there are differences in the text for England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, a message appears at the top of the document. Under this message the jurisdictions are indicated. Click on the one you need and the text as it applies to that jurisdiction will be displayed.



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AccessToLaw: Caribbean

The largest group of entries within [AccessToLaw's](#) Commonwealth section is that relating to the [Caribbean](#). This is not surprising, given the large number of Commonwealth jurisdictions in the area. For convenience, and following a common convention, we include not only the many familiar islands or island groups within the English-speaking Caribbean itself, such as Barbados, Jamaica, and Trinidad & Tobago, but also some other jurisdictions which lie outside: Belize and Guyana, on the mainland of Central and South America respectively, and the Bahamas and Bermuda, to the north in the Atlantic Ocean.

For a general narrative introduction to these jurisdictions there is a **Guide to Caribbean Law Research**, whose author is a Canadian law librarian with past experience of working in a law library in the Bahamas. It is one of the many useful research guides published on the GlobaLex site. Other more narrowly focused guides also published by GlobaLex include **Finding the Law in Bermuda** and **Trinidad and Tobago Law and Legal Research**.

There is one site which provides a convenient single source for accessing legal information from all Commonwealth Caribbean jurisdictions: **CommonLII: Caribbean Law Project**. Coverage includes cases, legislation, treaties and other materials. Besides making accessible from a single location all of the Caribbean content on CommonLII, it also provides extensive links to materials on other websites.

The Caribbean is noted for its many offshore financial centres. Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands are counted amongst the world's major offshore jurisdictions, and there are many other smaller ones. For those seeking legislation relating specifically to financial

services an excellent source is often the relevant regulatory authority, such as the **British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission** and the **Cayman Islands Monetary Authority**.

The governments of several Caribbean states and territories, particularly some of the larger ones, have made their statute books freely available online. The material available commonly comprises the most recent consolidation, together with some later annual laws or selected legislation. We provide links to several such sources including **Bahamas Laws On-Line**, **Belizelaw.org**, **Bermuda Laws Online**, **Government of Antigua & Barbuda: Laws Online**, **Guyana Development Gateway: Laws of Guyana**, **Laws of Trinidad and Tobago**, and **Ministry of Justice, Jamaica**.

In addition to CommonLII, noted above, much of the area's available case law may be found on the websites of the appropriate courts. Individual country sites include **Barbados Supreme Court**, **Court of Appeal of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas** and **Supreme Court of Jamaica**. There are also two important regional courts. The **Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court** is a superior court of record for member states of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS); and the **Caribbean Court of Justice**, established in 2005, replaced the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as a final court of appeal for member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Other entries include professional bodies, several government sites, and the sites of some of the offshore law firms which are based in or operate in the Caribbean. These are often useful sources for recent articles, guides and news items relating to the area. Notable firms include **Appleby**, **Hamel-Smith** and **Walkers**.



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Alan Moss 1940-2011

After the Newsletter's regular AccessToLaw piece we often draw attention to some of the Library's hard copy resources relating to the issue's chosen topic. The Caribbean is of course a responsibility of the Inner Temple Library under the inter-Inn specialisation agreement, and our holdings are considerable. On this occasion however it is appropriate that we should instead add a brief note about the late Alan Moss, a supplier of Caribbean publications to the Library who died recently.

Alan was an Englishman who spent most of his working life in Barbados. For more than twenty five years he was Acquisitions Librarian at the Main Library of the University of the West Indies, on the Cave Hill campus in Barbados. Subsequently, through his company Alan Moss Ltd, he built up a business in Barbados supplying Caribbean books to academic libraries. His main focus was on the eastern Caribbean, and he developed a specialism in law books.

The particular difficulties encountered by those trying to obtain Caribbean legal materials from a distance, and the advantage Alan gained from being a "known customer", based within the region and able to travel regularly around it, are described in a journal article he published in 2009*. These factors, coupled with his long inside experience and understanding of libraries and their needs, made him an ideal supplier for us.

The Library is fortunate to have benefited from doing business with Alan over these past few years. Those of us who are particularly involved with acquisitions will long remember him as a person whom it was a pleasure to know.

Moss, Alan (2009) "The Acquisition of Primary Legal Materials from the English-speaking Caribbean," *International Journal of Legal*

Information: Vol. 37: Iss. 2, Article 9. Available at: <http://scholarship.law.cornell.edu/ijli/vol37/iss2/9>.

BAILII Funding Appeal

Joe Ury, BAILII Executive Director, writes



BAILII has provided general information about our need for funding here: www.bailii.org/bailii/appealdetails.html.

As that web page shows, the appeal has met with a good initial response from solicitors, publishers and a few sets of chambers who recognise how useful BAILII is. We also remain very appreciative of the sponsorship from the Inns of Court and the Bar Council. We have sufficient offers of funding to see us through into 2013. However the response from sets of chambers has not been as good as the response from solicitors' firms, and we are hoping to persuade more sets of chambers to provide a contribution to the costs of running BAILII.

Barristers wishing to see if their set has contributed can refer to the [appealdetails.html](http://www.bailii.org/bailii/appealdetails.html) document mentioned, though this does not mention smaller donations, or email Joe Ury at joe.ury@sas.ac.uk or Clive Freedman at cfreedman@3vb.com.

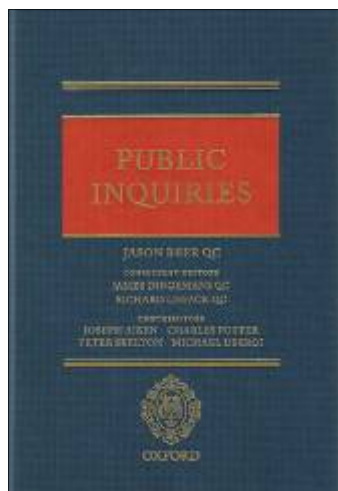
BAILII also faces the problem that many of the donations are single donations, and will need to continue the appeal and to go back to people to ask them if they are willing to repeat their donations later this year. What is really needed is more informal offers from users of BAILII to make annual donations.



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New Acquisitions

The publishers of the series Halsbury's laws of Canada have been very active since the last issue of the newsletter: nine new volumes have been received since October, covering subjects including agency, conflict of laws, immigration and citizenship, mortgages, pensions and trusts. In addition, the earlier volumes in the series (which only began publication around five years ago) are beginning to be updated and reissued. This means that Library users need never lack for a current statement of Canadian law on any subject.



Jason Beer Q.C. and the contributors to *Public inquiries* (Oxford, 2011) have appeared in a large number of the most significant inquiries over the last decade. The work examines both statutory and non-statutory inquiries in chapters relating to the need for and purpose of the public inquiry, establishing a public

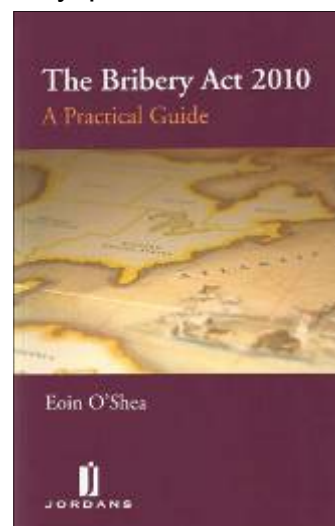
inquiry, terms of reference, subject matter, the relationship of inquiries with other legal proceedings, the constitution of an inquiry, the administration of an inquiry, evidence and procedure, public access to proceedings, immunities and defamation, representation and funding, inquiry reports and the duty to be fair, ending the inquiry and challenging an inquiry. The book has been kindly presented by Master Dingemans, a consultant editor.

Prisoners' rights: principles and practice by Susan Easton (Routledge, 2011) considers prisoners' rights from socio-legal and philosophical perspectives, and assesses the advantages and



problems of a rights-based approach to imprisonment, drawing on perspectives from a range of disciplines to illuminate how prisoners' rights operate in practice. The text also contributes to debates on imprisonment and citizenship, the treatment of women prisoners, and social exclusion.

Eoin O'Shea's *The Bribery Act 2010: a practical guide*, (Jordans, 2011), kindly presented to the Library by the author, summarises and interprets the new law of bribery covering the general bribery offence, foreign public offences and the specific corporate offence designed to make companies and other corporate bodies responsible for bribery committed on behalf of a company. The book also provides practical guidance on setting up compliance procedures in line with the new Act and explains the impact of the new legislation through worked scenarios.



We would like to thank the following authors and editors (as well as those mentioned above) who have generously presented to the Library works for which they have been responsible: Master Cretney for *Simon: a lawyer in politics*; Master Gage (chairman) for *Report of the Baha Mousa*



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Inquiry; Andrew Holden for *Trust protectors*; Iain Goldrein Q.C. (co-editor) for *Insurance disputes*, 3rd edition; James Kessler Q.C. for *Drafting trusts and will trusts in Canada*, 3rd edition; Philip Punwar for *The Rules of the DIFC Courts*; Lord Reed for *Human rights law in Scotland*, 3rd edition; Master Tiley for *Tiley and Collison's UK tax handbook 2011-12*; and Gregory Treverton-Jones Q.C. for *Solicitor's handbook 2012*.

The Inner Temple Book Prize 2011

At the awards ceremony on 8 December the winners of the Book Prize were announced by Lord Woolf and the prizes were presented by the Royal Treasurer, Master HRH The Princess Royal.

Main Prize

Habeas corpus: from England to Empire
by Professor Paul Halliday
(Harvard University Press)



HRH The Princess Royal, Lord Woolf and Professor Paul Halliday

New Author's Prize

Public law after the Human Rights Act
by Tom Hickman (Hart Publishing)

The shortlisted entries were:

Main Prize Shortlist

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

Julian Rivers
The law of organized religions: between establishment and secularism
Oxford University Press

New Author's Prize Shortlist

Robin Hickey
Property and the law of finders
Hart Publishing

COIC Essay Prize

The Council of the Inns of Court is running an essay competition, which is open to graduates who complete and pass the BPTC course in 2012. A first prize of £1,500 and a second prize of £500 will be awarded. The essay title is *The Inns of Court: where next and why?* More details about the essay prize can be found [here](http://www.innscourt.org.uk).