



# Inner Temple Library Newsletter

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## Library Users' Group

Following on from last year's strategic review of library services, and the input of library users to that review, we have now set up a permanent Library Users' Group to provide feedback on current library services and to help us plan for the future.

The Group's membership will comprise students, pupils, barristers and judges.

## LexisNexis Special Offers

LexisNexis are offering discounts on their services to members of the Inner Temple who are sole practitioners or who work in chambers that do not currently subscribe to Lexis. The offers are valid until 15 December 2014. For more information click [here](#).

## 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

18 October	Lincoln's Inn
25 October	Middle Temple

### November

1 November	Gray's Inn
8 November	Inner Temple
15 November	Middle Temple*
22 November	Lincoln's Inn*
29 November	Gray's Inn

### December

6 December	Inner Temple
13 December	Lincoln's Inn
20 December	CLOSED
27 December	CLOSED

### 2015

#### January

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

\* Please note change in order

To view a Saturday Opening Timetable to July 2015 click [here](#).

## Online Legal Research Training

Last autumn we ran a series of three legal research training sessions for new pupils. The feedback from participants was very positive and we decided that we would continue to run the sessions twice a year, in spring and autumn, to coincide with the start of new pupillages. Details of the autumn 2014 programme can be found [here](#).

To fit in with pupils' timetables, the sessions have taken place in the evenings or on Saturdays. Even so, we are aware that work schedules are often subject to last-minute changes and this means that pupils are sometimes obliged to drop out. We know also that pupils based outside London would find it difficult, if not impossible, to attend the sessions. So we decided to record them and make them available online in a webinar-style format, so that they can be viewed by pupils and students at any time.



*Simon Hindley, Senior Library Assistant, is wired for sound*

[LexisNexis](#) have allowed us to use their studio facilities for the recording and we have also been given a great deal of help, both in the studio and in the editing suite, by staff from [The Streaming Company](#) who produce webinars for LexisNexis. We are exceedingly grateful for their

assistance, as this is our first experience of recording presentations and integrating video clips and slides. The Deputy Librarian and Senior Library Assistant rose to the challenge of recording very well, though there are of course some interesting out-takes.



*Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, and Simon Hindley, Senior Library Assistant, are ready to begin filming*

The first training session, on the essentials of legal research, is now available online and we hope to record sessions two and three (on case law and legislation) by the end of the year.

If you would like to view session one, click [here](#).

### Aims of the session

This session will provide some useful tips to enable you to carry out legal research more effectively.

The following will be covered:

- Databases
- Abbreviations
- Acts - key points
- SIs - key points
- Cases - key points
- Legal definitions
- Halsbury's Laws
- Textbooks
- Journals
- Precedents/Forms
- Current awareness
- What to do if you cannot visit the Library in person

*A sample page from the presentation*

## Student Evenings

The Library was represented at the Inn's introductory evenings for London and out of London students which took place on 23 and 26 September. As in previous years a range of Library guides and leaflets was on display and the Deputy Librarian and Senior Library Assistant were on hand to answer students' questions.



*The Library stand at the introductory evening*



*Simon Hindley, Senior Library Assistant, meeting new students*

## Tours

We are happy to arrange tours on a one-to-one basis for students, pupils, clerks or for any member of the Inn. Please email [librarytours@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:librarytours@innertemple.org.uk) to arrange a suitable time. Alternatively a [virtual tour](#) is available for members unable to visit the Library in person.

## Presentations to New Students

During September and October the Deputy Librarian together with Carolyn Rampling, a colleague from Lincoln's Inn Library, have been giving presentations to BPTC students at the City Law School, the University of Law and BPP Law School. The presentations covered the services that the Inn libraries offer to bar students and their aim is to encourage students to make use of library facilities and services at an early stage in their legal careers.

The sessions were very well attended; if you were not able to be there, however, the [presentation](#) is available on the Library's website.



*Students at City Law School (above) and the University of Law (below)*



## Inner Temple Book Prize

The Inner Temple Book Prize was launched in 2008 as part of the celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of the grant of a Royal Charter to the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple. The Prize is intended to encourage and reward the writing of books which make an outstanding scholarly contribution to the understanding of the law as administered in England and Wales.

To mark the 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta, the Book Prize will be awarded again in 2015 and as before [Wildy & Sons](#) will be acting as sponsors. The Inn is offering two prizes, one of £12,000 and one of £5,000 for new authors. Click [here](#) for more details.

## History Society Lectures

On 9 July, Master Baker gave the inaugural lecture to the Inner Temple History Society, on what he described as the “experimental” subject of Elizabethan marriage problems. The Tudor period saw a surprisingly large number of marriage cases. One of those discussed in the lecture involved a man who, having obtained a divorce on the grounds of incurable impotence, went on to have a child by his second wife. Numerous former benchers of the Inner Temple were mentioned in this highly engaging lecture, which was attended by an impressive audience, including visitors from the USA.

The second lecture will be given by the Master of the Temple, Robin Griffith-Jones, on 22 January 2015 at 6.00 p.m. His theme will be the fascinating and turbulent history of the Temple Church. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A session. An informal supper will also be provided for those who wish to continue the discussion afterwards. Tickets are available from the Treasury Office, via [Eventbrite](#) or by email from [kpeters@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:kpeters@innertemple.org.uk).

## Bad Judges Book Launch

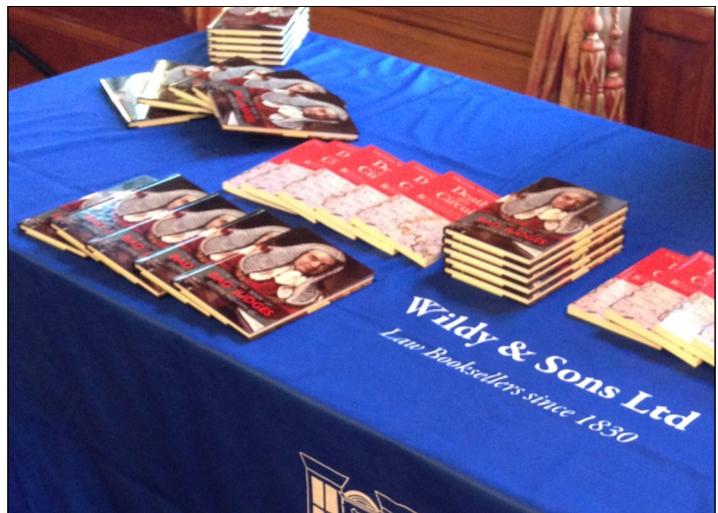
A book launch party for the late Master Graeme Williams’s *Short book of bad judges* (published by Wildy, Simmonds & Hill) took place on 3 October in the Parliament Chamber at the Inner Temple, and was well attended by family, friends and colleagues from the Inns.

The book, which is selling well worldwide, is available to buy from the Inner Temple Treasury Office and from [Wildy & Sons](#).

Master Williams was a long-serving member of the Library Committee and a regular user of the Library; he will be greatly missed.



*Olivia Williams reads from the prologue*



*Copies of the new book, and of Death of a circuit, by the same author*

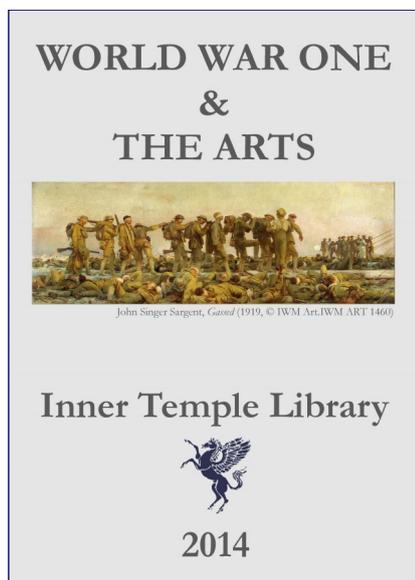
## Word War One Display

One hundred years after the outbreak of the First World War, its impact still resonates, as people remember the conflict and the people involved and try to reconcile their differing responses to it. While the heroism and valour of the participants are celebrated, the political and national motives and reasons for the war are still intensely debated.

By way of an act of remembrance, the Temple Church is staging an exhibition about the lives of Inner and Middle Temple members who took part in the war. This runs until the end of 2014.

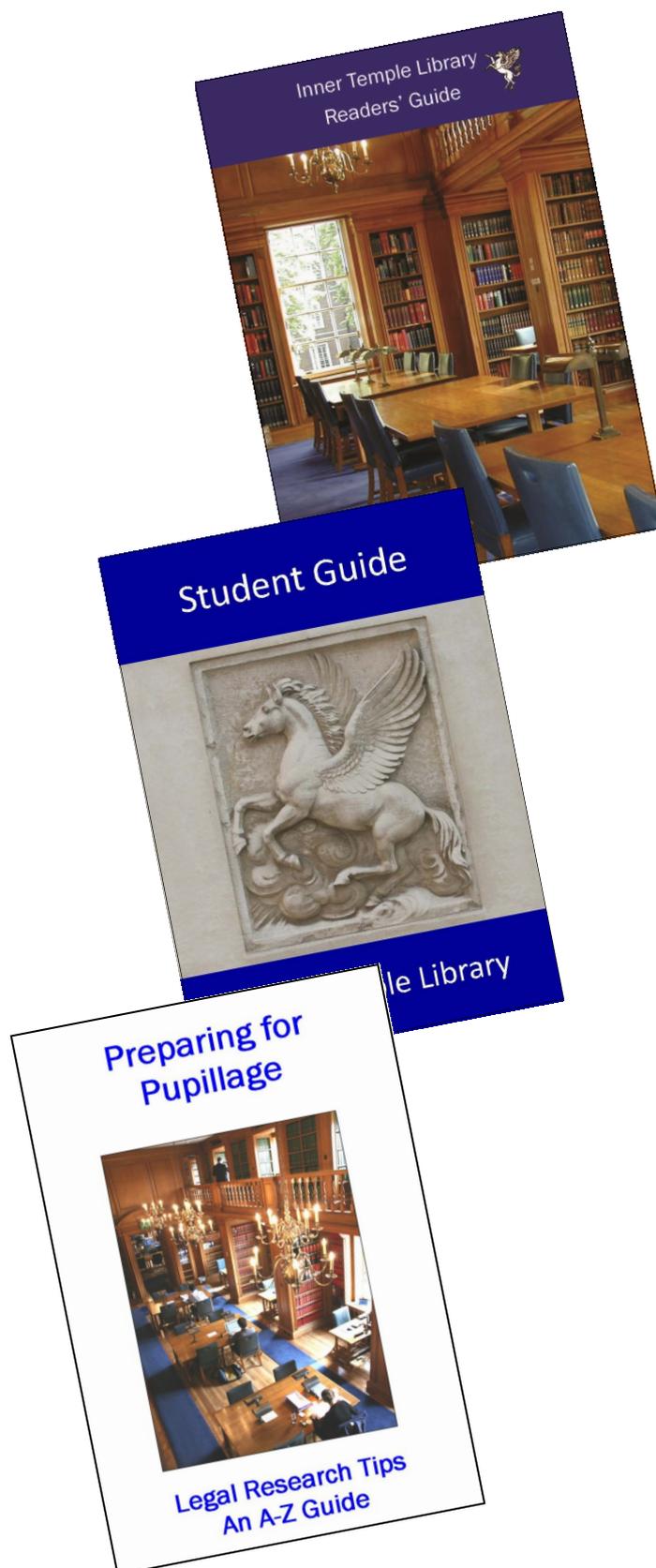
The Library has created a display focusing upon the creative and emotional responses of artists, poets and musicians who either took part in or were affected by the war, which have given rise to some of the most iconic, evocative, and loved, works of the twentieth century. Whether propaganda for the war, protest against it, or reflections of personal experiences, the creative output during and after the war was staggering, as was the impact on the artists themselves.

We have restricted ourselves to the arts in Britain, and have not been able to cover every element we would like to, but for those wishing to follow up their interest in this we have created [a leaflet](#) which contains a list of relevant events in London and some useful websites which we consider to be valuable resources.



## New Guides

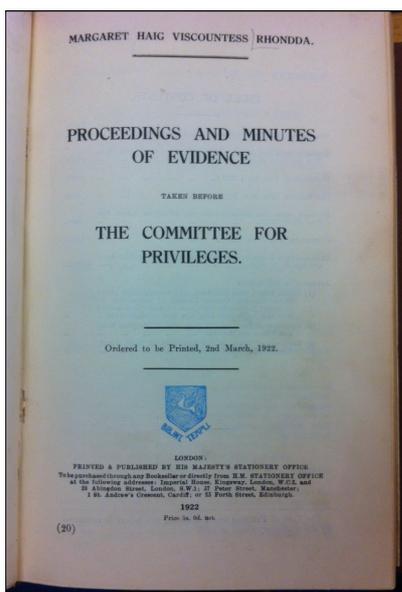
New editions of our *Readers' Guide*, *Student Guide* and *Preparing for Pupillage: Legal Research Tips* are available in the Library and for [downloading](#) from our website.



## Peerage Claims added to the Catalogue

*Michael Frost, Assistant Librarian, writes*

The Library holds an extensive collection of peerage claims. I thought, having noticed that peerage claims did not appear to be well represented in publicly-available online catalogues, I would be doing a service to libraries generally, and to genealogical research, if I were to create full records for the items in our collection. I also thought, naively as it turned out, that as the collection was contained in 86 volumes the task would only take a matter of weeks, or months at most, to complete. I was soon to discover that each volume might contain as many as fifteen or twenty items, often of only a few pages each, and in the event the project has taken, albeit off and on, the best part of two years.



*A sample title-page*

given claim would be a time-consuming task. The collection survived the Second World War unscathed, but still uncatalogued.

The documents themselves include evidence (either verbatim proceedings relating to the evidence produced for the claimant(s), or transcripts of documentary evidence such as wills, pedigrees, coats of arms and extracts from public and private documents), claimants' petitions, attorney general's reports, reports from

the House of Lords Committee for Privileges and reports from the Lord Chancellor.

I decided that each record should include (in addition to those elements strictly required by cataloguing rules) a uniform title entry containing the inferred title "Peerage claim" followed by the name of the peerage itself, in standardised form. This is because only in a relatively small proportion of the documents does the phrase actually occur on the title-page. Each record also has a "family as subject" entry for the peerage being claimed. And so whether an enquirer searches by title or subject, all the records relating to the same peerage can be located easily. All claimants' and counter-claimants' names are cross-referenced from family name to peerage name, where appropriate. This entailed a good deal of checking reference works, not least because of the aristocracy's fondness for "recycling" Christian names.

It is satisfying to have completed the task, but I will certainly be more circumspect in setting myself such targets in future.



### Inner Temple Library Catalogue

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**Collection:** PEERAGE CLAIMS  
**Location:** Littleton Building  
**Corporate author:** PARLIAMENT, House of Lords, Committee for Privileges  
**Uniform title:** Peerage claim, Rhondda Viscountcy  
**Title:** Margaret Haig Viscountess Rhondda : proceedings and minutes of evidence taken before the Committee for Privileges  
**Imprint:** London : HMSO, 1922  
**Collation:** cxxxviii, 3p.  
**Series:** HL ; 20  
**Series:** Peerage claims, Octavo ; v.11  
**Subject:** RHONDDA, Margaret Haig Thomas, 2nd Viscountess  
**Subject:** RHONDDA (Viscountcy)  
**Subject:** PEERAGE LAW

*Catalogue record for the same document*

## BAILII: Onward and Upwards

*Guy Tritton, Library Committee Member, writes*



Everyone who reads this article will be familiar with [BAILII](#), the online database of decisions of UK courts and tribunals that is free to all users. We all use it and for students and those who cannot afford commercial providers

such as Westlaw and LexisNexis, it is a lifesaver. Yet, it does not happen by magic.

BAILII is reliant on and funded purely by donations from the legal community. These donations allow Joe Ury, the Executive Director, ably assisted by Sabrina Kavanagh, to ensure that its database is up to date with all the relevant UK, Irish, Channel Island and European decisions. This is no easy task. Surprisingly, the English courts lag behind some of their fellow Commonwealth jurisdictions when it comes to making available their decisions. Thus, the High Court has no central register of judgments. Joe is reliant on the goodwill of judges' clerks to forward judgments to him.

Those who do use commercial providers will know that the subscription costs rise ever higher. They have little competition and can afford to keep raising their prices. Yet, there is no reason why BAILII cannot provide a credible alternative whilst adhering to its principles of being free for all.

Together with Joe and Sabrina, a subcommittee of the Inner Temple Library Committee has been looking at ways to improve the functionality of BAILII so as to provide those features that we all like in the commercial providers' offerings. For instance, market research shows that when people peruse a

decision, they find features such as a list of authorities cited in the decision and authorities that cite the decision to be of great value. Suggestions and recommendations for improving the functionality of BAILII are now under consideration.

There are other ways to expand the usefulness of BAILII, although they will cost money. For instance, everyone appreciates case summaries but BAILII cannot afford to commission people to write these. Accordingly, on behalf of BAILII, I am looking into the possibility of asking selected chambers to take responsibility for cases falling within their speciality field(s) and, in return for publicity, to be responsible for writing case summaries on those decisions they consider important.

Also, most legal blogs, when citing a case, will provide a citation which hyperlinks to the decision on BAILII. Another idea I am looking into is getting vetted legal bloggers to provide reverse hyperlinks from the BAILII authority to their blogs.

Finally, the feasibility of getting authors who write legal articles on a decision which appears on BAILII to post the article and its publication details against the details of that decision is being explored. All of this is intended to enrich the BAILII experience and provide real value to its users. If you have any other ideas for BAILII, please let me know at [gtritton@hogarthchambers.com](mailto:gtritton@hogarthchambers.com).

Unsurprisingly, these improvements will require funds to be raised. BAILII is looking into how best to raise these funds in a number of ways but ultimately, they will come from the legal community and that is you. It is very easy to make an online donation to BAILII if you go to its [website](#). Please do. It is very quick and it even takes American Express!

## AccessToLaw: Major Free Legal Resources

Raising awareness of legal information that is freely available on the web, and facilitating access to it, has always been a primary aim of the Library's gateway site [AccessToLaw](#). Here in the newsletter's regular AccessToLaw feature we usually focus on one section of the site and take a look at the range of entries to be found within it, but it may also be useful from time to time to stand back, look over the site content as a whole, and remind ourselves about some of the major free legal websites and the wealth of content now available on them. The emphasis, in the space available here, will be primarily on sources of UK and EU law.

Most readers will have come across the vast and complex [GOV.UK](#) site which was created two years ago and has rapidly expanded since then. Many formerly separate sites, such as those of government departments, have been decommissioned and their content, including many important publications, incorporated into GOV.UK. There is an entry for the site as a whole within AccessToLaw's [Government](#) section, but in view of the site's size and complexity, there are also many other entries, within appropriate sections, devoted to specific content of legal interest. Examples of these include entries for the [Home Office](#), the [Immigration Rules](#), the [PACE Codes](#), the [Ogden Tables](#) and the [Stephen Lawrence Inquiry](#).

GOV.UK has now become the main general source of government information and services for citizens and businesses, but for practitioners and others seeking specifically legal information there is also the Ministry of Justice's [Justice](#) portal. Although some of its former content has been transferred to GOV.UK, it remains an important source for certain material relating to the courts and tribunals, such as guidance documents,

hearing lists and procedure rules. As with GOV.UK, we provide entries within appropriate sections of AccessToLaw to specific content, such as [Daily Court Lists](#), the [Civil Procedure Rules](#), the [Criminal Procedure Rules](#) and the [Family Procedure Rules](#).

United Kingdom legislation from 1267 to the present, including the legislation of the devolved administrations of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, is freely available on the government's [Legislation.gov.uk](#) site. UK and Irish legislation, alongside a large collection of court and tribunal cases, may also be freely accessed on [BAILII](#), the website of the British and Irish Legal Information Institute. The site contains around 300,000 searchable documents, within 90 databases, covering 7 jurisdictions.

BAILII is just one of more than forty legal information institutes (LIIs) and other organisations making up the Free Access to Law Movement, dedicated to providing free online access to legislation, cases and other legal information in many parts of the world. Many others merit AccessToLaw entries, amongst them [AustLII](#) (Australasia), [CanLII](#) (Canada), [Cornell LII](#) (United States), [HKLII](#) (Hong Kong), [NZLII](#) (New Zealand), [PacLII](#) (Pacific Islands) and [SAFLII](#) (Southern Africa). [CommonLII](#) (the Commonwealth) deserves a special mention: besides providing a single location for researching Commonwealth material on various LII sites, it also has an [English Reports](#) database, making freely available as pdf page images the *English Reports*, the reprint of English nominate reports which cover the period 1220 to 1873. And there is also [WorldLII](#), whose search options include a facility for carrying out searches across all of the LII databases.

## AccessToLaw cont.

Reverting to the UK, another large and complex government site containing much legal information is that of the [United Kingdom Parliament](#). There is an entry for the site's main home page, and several other entries directing the user towards specific content such as debates (in the two Houses and in Public Bill Committees), Bills, and information on parliamentary archives.

The last two sites to be mentioned, again very large and complex ones, are concerned with the European Union. [Europa](#) is the EU's general portal site, providing a "gateway to the European Union" for accessing information on all areas of its activity, including its publications, membership, history, institutions and laws.

A more direct route to EU legal information alone is provided by [EUR-Lex](#). This site incorporates the EU's comprehensive CELEX database and includes legislation in force, case law 1954 onwards, the *Official Journal* 1952 onwards, the treaties setting up the European Communities and the European Union, and community preparatory acts.

## OVERNIGHT LOANS

- Now available to barristers (including pupils) who are members or tenants of the Inner Temple, and barristers (including pupils) from chambers adjacent to the Inn
- See [website](#) or ask staff for full details

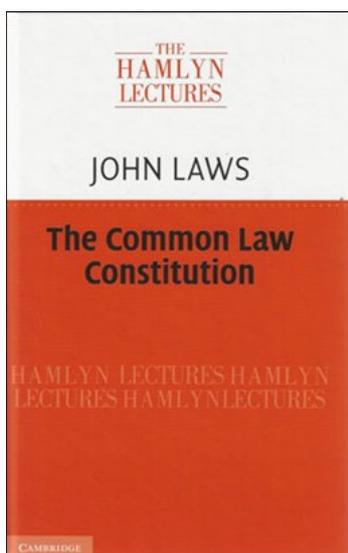
## Facebook

We have had a [Facebook](#) page since 2008, keeping followers up to date with the latest news from the Library. Posts include updates from our Current Awareness blog, details of Saturday opening and new acquisitions as well as information on our training sessions. We have recently started adding more items of general interest, such as news and events from the Inn and the local area and law-related broadcasts on TV and radio.

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for 'Inner Temple Library'. The profile picture is a unicorn, and the cover photo is a photograph of the library's interior. The page is set to 'Public' and has 1,179 likes and 318 visits. The main content area features a post about Saturday opening hours, a link to the opening hours page, and a post about BPTC student presentations. The page also displays a 'Current Awareness' app, a 'Photos' section with various images, and a 'Reviews' section with user feedback.

## New Acquisitions

*The common law constitution* (Cambridge, 2014) presents the text of the 2013 Hamlyn Lectures, which were delivered by our own Master Laws (Lord Justice Laws). The lectures explored the constitutional balance between law and government in the United Kingdom.



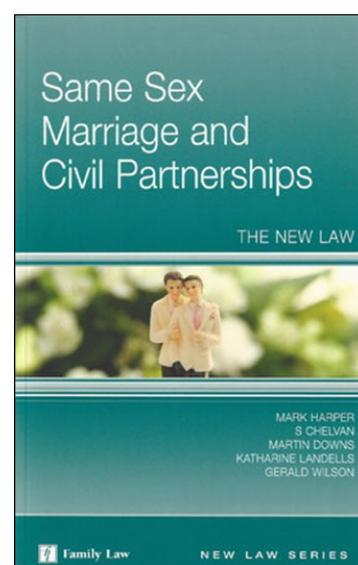
The author argues that the unifying principle of the constitution is the common law and that its distinctive method has produced profoundly beneficial effects for this country, and goes on to examine two contemporary threats to the constitutional balance: extremism and the effect of Europe-made laws on the domestic system.



*Drafting British Virgin Islands trusts* by James Kessler QC, Tony Pursall and Naresh Chand (Kluwer), and kindly presented to the Library by Mr Kessler, is a valuable addition to our collection of Commonwealth Caribbean textbooks. It offers an extensive

selection of trust precedents to suit a wide range of requirements, and aims to ensure that practitioners prepare accurate and effective trust documents which precisely meet client requirements and reflect the current law and practice. The book is based on Mr Kessler's *Drafting trusts and will trusts: a modern approach*.

We are indebted to Martin Downs, one of the team of authors, for presenting *Same sex marriage and civil partnerships: the new law* (Family Law). The authors examine the legal changes introduced by the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013, and the rights and



responsibilities that are afforded to those who register under the schemes established by the Acts. They also discuss the law as it relates to cohabitants, so that the legislation can be seen in context. They include an analysis of some of the parliamentary debates and, in addition, there is consideration of some wider material for the purpose of evaluating compatibility of the legislation with ECHR rights, bearing in mind the value judgments inherent in the test of proportionality as suggested in *Wilson v. First County Trust Ltd*. Appendices contain the full text of the 2013 Act and relevant extracts from the 2004 Act.

In addition to those already mentioned, we would like to thank the following members of the Inn who have presented new titles or editions for which they have been responsible, solely or jointly: Master McGregor for *McGregor on damages*, 19th edition; Master Ong for *Costs in international arbitration* by Ong and O'Reilly; Anthony Radevsky for Hague's *Leasehold enfranchisement*, 6th edition; and Anthony Vaughan for *Immigration practice and procedure in family proceedings*.

To see the most recent list of new law titles and editions, please click [here](#).