



Inner Temple Library Newsletter

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Legal Research Training

Dates for our next series of training sessions for new pupils are as follows:-

Session 1: Essentials of Legal Research

Tuesday 14 April 2015, 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Location: Inner Temple Drawing Room

Session 2: Legal Research: Cases

Tuesday 21 April 2015, 5.30 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

Location: Inner Temple Lawson Room

Session 3: Legal Research: Legislation

Tuesday 5 May 2015, 5.30 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

Location: Inner Temple Committee Room

Refreshments will be provided at all the sessions.

To register for a place on one or more of the sessions please email

trainingsessions@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

31 January Lincoln's Inn

February

7 February Middle Temple

14 February Gray's Inn

21 February Inner Temple

28 February Lincoln's Inn

March

7 March Middle Temple

14 March Gray's Inn

21 March Inner Temple

28 March Lincoln's Inn

April

4 April CLOSED

11 April Middle Temple

18 April Gray's Inn

25 April Inner Temple

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

LexisNexis Special Offers

[LexisNexis](#) are offering discounts on their **Lexis PSL** service 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 the end of March 2015. For more information click [here](#).

Top Five Reasons for Using the Library

We asked members of the newly formed Library Users' Group for their top five reasons for using the Library. Their responses, which are listed below, echo the views of respondents to the 2013 Library surveys, who also commented on the importance of having extensive hard copy collections and online resources provided in a quiet and spacious working environment, with knowledgeable staff on hand to assist with research queries. We hope users' views will be of interest to the Strategic Review Group which is currently charged with drafting a medium-term strategy for the Inn.

BPTC Student

- * A beautiful, tranquil, spacious place to work
- * Convenient central location
- * Access to a far better and wider range of textbooks and practitioner works than any University library
- * Feeling closer to the world of practice, and being able to see that the goal of bar studies is the first development of one's career
- * Access to the rest of Inner Temple's facilities in non-study time - in particular, being able to take lunch and breaks in the gardens

Pupil

- * a beautiful environment in which to work
- * a spacious place in which to work
- * to use the PCs
- * to read legal journals
- * to read textbooks

Pupil

- * Having knowledgeable staff I can ask research questions of and who can direct me to appropriate resources
- * The range of materials accessible (practitioner texts, specialist law reports)
- * Fantastic quiet place to work out of chambers
- * Somewhere I can pop into quickly, research a point, make relevant photocopies, and head off
- * It is conveniently close to chambers

Young Barrister

- * Niche or specialised textbooks beyond the mainstream which tend to be stocked by chambers
- * Quiet study to avoid phone calls etc.
- * Commonwealth resources for comparative and Privy Council work
- * Online journals and periodicals which are beyond the mainstream which tend to be subscribed to by chambers
- * Researching old editions

Barrister

- * Breadth of the collection – practitioner texts both common and slightly obscure
- * Quiet, conducive to work environment
- * Out of (noisy) chambers but in the Inn
- * Accessibility of online resources
- * Help from knowledgeable librarians

Top Five Reasons for Using the Library cont.

Barrister

- * Most research tools I require are available in one place a stone's throw from my chambers.
- * Maintains the highest standard of staffing and professionalism. Invariably I find that any time I need some advice or assistance it is always highly informed and readily forthcoming.
- * There is a positive sense of well-being there as in all superbly conducted institutions – the 5 star feeling!
- * Added to which a physical environment created by the happy coalition of atmosphere control, lighting and design is second to none. I hope this combination is not interfered with because it would be hard if not impossible to replicate both technically, I guess, and aesthetically.
- * I also value the word-processing dedicated areas on the Gallery floor.

Barrister

- * Quiet space for study, with minimal distractions (and thus providing a useful refuge from chambers when required)
- * Document supply service. Working from home fairly often as I do, I have found this to be very helpful indeed.
- * Comprehensive hard-copy access to a wide range of law reports. (Online searching is all well and good, but one frequently needs ready access to the hard copy).
- * Emotional attachment (a poor reason, I concede, but IT gave me a scholarship, I carried out all my studies for the BVC in the Library, and the place does exert a strong emotional pull).

- * Textbooks. We do not have an up-to-date chambers library, the decision having been taken about 5 years ago that commercial practitioners should be able to afford their own. That is not, sadly, the case. Access to an au courant textbook collection is invaluable (all the more so given the helpful handlist).

Barrister

My top five reasons for using the Library are as follows. All are predicated on my personal practice profile in a largely publicly funded common law set. To put this in context I should add that my set subscribes to general Westlaw (not periodicals) and has a passable paper library. However, my own practice dictates I use texts (largely looseleaf) which we do not hold.

- * Room H, and Law Reports
- * Online services such as Lexis, especially *Halsbury's Laws*, *Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents*, *Atkin's Court Forms*
- * Archive, previous editions, e.g. of the White Book for appeals in Gibraltar
- * Librarians' knowledge
- * Quiet place to work (and think!)

QC

- * Tranquil and still place to work in (this is very rare in our line of work)
- * Resources and facilities all in one place
- * Knowledgeable and helpful staff
- * Proximity to chambers
- * Ideal as place to gather your thoughts – particularly before a case is due to start

Inner Temple Library Review of 2014

AccessToLaw - the content of our gateway site, which provides annotated links to over 1,300 free legal websites, was checked and updated on a quarterly basis. The sections of the site accessed most frequently were [Case Law](#), [Caribbean](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Courts and Tribunals](#). The highest-ranking locations for visitors are the UK, USA, India, Malaysia and Australia. [BAILII](#) was the single most frequently accessed site.

Binding - a total of 450 volumes of UK law and 100 volumes of Commonwealth law were bound or rebound during the year. Several volumes were rebound by Bookends Bindery, which specialises in dealing with early printed books and manuscripts.

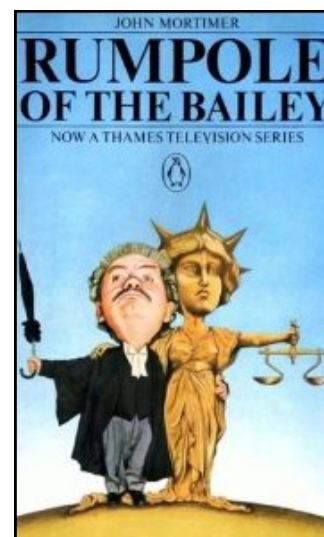
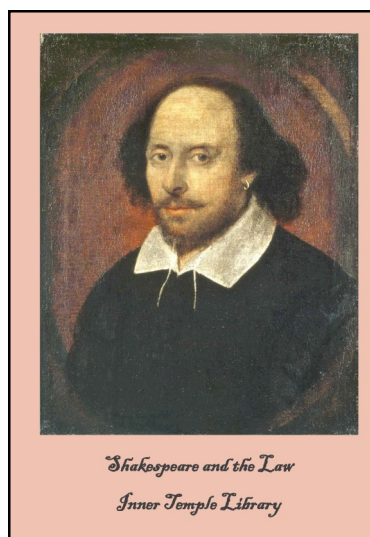
Cataloguing - over 170 new law titles and editions were added to the [catalogue](#) during the year. Our collection is largely made up of serial titles (law reports, journals and legislation) and so these account for only a small proportion of the actual number of volumes acquired.

Committees - the Librarian acted as Secretary of the Inter Inn Libraries Liaison Committee, and as coordinator of the Bar Librarians Group, as well as attending meetings of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library Committee. The Deputy Librarian continued as a member of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians Conference Committee and has attended meetings of the Inner Temple Book Prize Committee.

Current Awareness Blog - the coverage of the blog includes the latest legal news, new case law and changes in legislation as well as announcements of forthcoming lectures and seminars and advertisements for chambers vacancies. We continue to develop the blog and have reviewed the [sources](#) we monitor and introduced some new sites in an effort to keep the service relevant and broaden the content. A total of 4,609 posts were added in 2014. The blog

now has 38,085 posts, 1,103 subject categories, 2,686 subscribers via email or RSS feed and 5,914 Twitter followers. On average there are 20,000 unique visitors to the site each month. The highest-ranking locations for visitors are the UK, USA, Norway, India, Australia and Hong Kong. Our statistics show that 85% of users access the blog via a desktop computer, and 15% use a tablet or mobile device. A more detailed [annual report](#) on the Current Awareness service can be viewed via our website.

Displays - during the year we mounted displays on Literary Connections with the Inner Temple to mark World Book Day, on Shakespeare and the Law to mark the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, on Strange and Unusual Cases and on World War One and the Arts, as well as on new acquisitions and on library services for pupils and students. [Information sheets](#) were produced to complement the displays and these can be found on our website.



Document Supply Service - the service is available to barrister members of all four Inns wherever they are based. Over the year 185 items have been scanned and emailed to barristers located in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, Malaysia and Morocco, in addition to many locations in the UK.

Inner Temple Library Review of 2014

Donations - members of the Inn continue to present copies of their newly published works. We also receive [Wildy, Simmonds and Hill](#) publications free of charge. Donations resulted in a saving of £4,479 on monographs and £8,369 on looseleaf releases and journals in 2014. Mr David Humphreys, who has been a member of the Inner Temple since 1941, gave a very generous donation of £1,000 to the Library.

E-Library - the Library's online catalogue was upgraded to SirsiDynix's e-Library. The interface has been modernised and redesigned to make it more user-friendly and to bring it in line with the Library's other online branding. It is now also compatible with mobile devices. The catalogues of the other three Inn Libraries can be accessed through this same interface.



Enquiries - staff at the Enquiry Point dealt with 3,700 personal and telephone enquiries from barristers, pupils, students, judges, clerks and researchers. Enquiries were, as always, very varied and ranged from requests for Standing Order 31 under the Police Act of Trinidad and Tobago to an appeal report and background information on the Derek Bentley case.

Facebook - the Library's [Facebook](#) page now has 1,300 "likes". Posts include updates from our Current Awareness blog, details of Saturday opening and new acquisitions, as well as our training sessions. We have recently begun adding items of more general interest such as news and events from the Inn and the local area and law-related broadcasts on TV and radio.

FAQs - the series of legal research [FAQs](#) on the Library website were revised and updated during the year. Our web statistics show that this is one of the most regularly accessed sections of the site.

Feedback - we received complimentary feedback from users during the year on various aspects of library services, including the document supply service, the Current Awareness blog and the legal research training sessions.

This is a fantastic service especially to those outside of London. I now consider this facility to be essential.

Sole practitioner - on the document supply service.

I've been using Current Awareness daily for approximately five years and in all that time have not come across a better high-level legal resource. For a casual overview across practice areas it really is indispensable and whoever does the selection for the daily newsletter is supremely good at their job.

Barrister

This is a great service; the best place to get daily legal news.

Student

You make an outstanding contribution to the dissemination of legal information.

Retired judge

I wish I did this training in October 2013. It would have made my life much easier in the first six, which is research/paper based.

Pupil - commenting on the training sessions.

Guides - the content of the *Readers' Guide*, *Student Guide*, *Out of London Student Members' Guide* and *Quick Reference Guide*, and the guides to online services, have all been updated. All of these are available in the Library or for [downloading](#) from the website. *Library Resources for the Bar*, a guide to the library services of the four Inns, has been updated and a new edition will be available shortly.

Library Resources for the Bar



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Historical Enquiries - aside from a steady stream of queries concerning former members of the Inn, enquiries received have been on a wide variety of subjects. These have included trials of recusants in Staffordshire; legal dress at quarter sessions; Elizabeth I's Charter to the island of Jersey (1562); Peter the Great's sojourn in London (1698); and the inventory of Templar property in London (1307).

IT Facilities - the public access PCs continue to be well used for legal research, word processing and checking emails. All of the monitors have been replaced with larger models and, where desk space allows, these are wide-screen monitors. The free Wi-Fi access continues to be popular with barristers and students using their own devices. Wi-Fi security was updated and access speed improved in 2014.



Lecture - Natalie Kent, Library Assistant, gave a guest lecture on her research into historic library catalogues to students taking the Historical Bibliography module of the Library and Information Studies MA course at University College London. She also presented a paper on the library of the Royal College of Physicians as it was before the Great Fire of London at the St Andrews University Book Conference, which took place in the summer.

Legal Research Training - since October 2013 we have been running a series of three legal research training sessions for new pupils twice a year to coincide with the start of new pupillages.

The aim of these is to improve legal research skills. Pupil supervisors and new pupils are contacted directly about the training and the sessions are advertised on the website, in the Library and in Hall. Feedback from participants on the content of the sessions and on the trainers continues to be very positive. The first session, which is an overview of legal research, was also offered to BPTC students at City Law School who had just finished the BPTC course and who wanted a refresher on legal research before starting pupillage. We have continued to provide one-to-one training on databases and on printed material for pupils, students and barrister members of the Inn.

Legal Research Training Online - we have used Lexis studio facilities to record our three legal research training sessions in a webinar-style format. This was our first experience of recording presentations and integrating video clips and slides. The videos can now be viewed via our [website](#) by pupils and students at any time wherever they are based.



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

LexisNexis Subscriptions - we negotiated with LexisNexis on subscription rates for their services on behalf of members of the Inner Temple who are sole practitioners and members who work in chambers that do not have a current subscription to Lexis. Members were emailed about the special subscription rates.

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Littleton Basement - a total of 273 items were retrieved from the Library's basement store in the Littleton Building in response to users' requests. Of these, 110 were old editions of practitioners' texts and the remainder were older Commonwealth material, law reports, journals and 19th-century Hansard, as well as titles from the Roman law, Canon law, Biography, Heraldry and Learned Societies collections.

Loans - a trial scheme for overnight loans of monographs from the current legal collections was run from March to May in response to suggestions received during the 2013 strategic review of library services. Barristers and pupils who took advantage of the trial described it as an excellent service and "a lifesaver". The Library Committee has now decided that the scheme should be continued on a permanent basis.

Manuscript Enquiries - historical and literary manuscripts (rather than those of primarily legal interest) continue to predominate both in terms of enquiries received and of items consulted by visiting scholars. Study projects involving our manuscripts have included letters from Princess Mary (Tudor) to Edward VI; Sir Thomas Egerton's brief prepared for the trial of Mary Queen of Scots; melancholy and chivalry in Renaissance literature; and the suppression of heresy in sixteenth-century Cambridgeshire.

Network Projects - during the year the Inn's Network Administrators, who are part of the Library team, worked with the Estates Department to implement QFM, a new facilities management database and helpdesk system. This allows the Estates Department to monitor and maintain all aspects of the Inn's Estate and provides a web interface for Inner Temple staff and tenants to log requests and defects and to track their progress. The Network Administrators have also been working with the Treasury Office and the Education & Training Department on testing and implementing a new

membership database, scheduled to go live in 2015, and with the Catering Department on a successful upgrade of their CABS Event Management database.

Newsletter - four issues of the Library's electronic newsletter were sent out to all members and tenants in January, April, July and October.

Non-Law Collections - the loans scheme for the non-law collections was extended to allow books to be borrowed by Inner Temple student members based in London, as well as Inner Temple barristers based in London and Inner Temple tenants. Subjects covered by these collections include English history, literature, biography, heraldry, genealogy and topography. A small selection from the collections is available for browsing in Room A.



Online Services - we have recently added [Lexis commentary sources](#) to the range of UK and Commonwealth online sources we subscribe to via Lexis Library. These include works such as *Blackstone's criminal practice*, *Clarke Hall & Morrison on children* and *Harvey on industrial relations and employment law* and many other practitioners' texts. The Practical Law and Lexis PSL services were trialled from May to November. In response to feedback from users, and having reviewed our usage statistics, we decided to take out a subscription to Practical Law. The trial of Lexis PSL has been extended to the end of March 2015. These services are available for access within the Library only.

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Photocopiers - the existing self-service photocopiers were replaced with two new Canon copiers and a number of software options have been tested to enable a chargeable scanning facility to be provided in addition to copying. We hope to introduce this service by spring 2015.

Presentations - during September and October the Deputy Librarian, together with a colleague from Lincoln's Inn Library, gave well-attended presentations 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 presentation is also available as a [slideshow](#) on the Library website.



Students at the University of Law

Publicity - a feature on the Library, "Behind the Bar: Inner Temple Library", appeared in the April 2014 issue of *CILIP Update*, a journal for the library, information and KM community. This has led to a number of requests from groups wishing to visit the Library.

Pupils - we advertised and carried out tours and legal research training sessions for new pupils during the year, and updated our guide entitled *Preparing for pupillage: legal research tips*. The two Library Assistants also gave introductory talks on the Library and its services to new pupils.

Staff Training - courses attended by Library staff include new technologies for beginners, teaching research skills, *Pepper v Hart* research, cataloguing for non-cataloguers, indexing principles and practice, and copyright briefings. Three members of staff were also delegates to the BIALL conference. Staff also attended refresher sessions on the main legal databases provided by their respective suppliers.

Student Events - the Library participated in the Inn's introductory evenings for London and out of London students, and offered tours for new BPTC students in September.

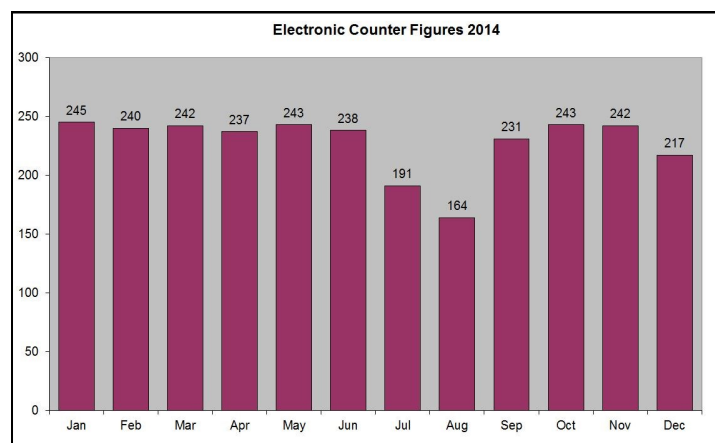


Simon Hindley, Senior Library Assistant, meeting new students

Tours - throughout the year Library tours were advertised and arranged for students, pupils and clerks, as well as new Benchers and academic fellows. The [virtual tour](#) on the Library website was updated. This was viewed over 2,700 times during the year.

Annual Review 2014 cont.

Usage Statistics - an electronic monitor at the Library entrance counts people entering and leaving the Library, including staff; totals for each day are halved to compensate (as far as possible) for the fact that most people would be counted twice. The average daily total in 2014, after this adjustment, was 228.



Users' Group - following on from the 2013 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 comprises students, pupils, barristers and judges. The first meeting of the Group took place in November.

Visits - during 2014 we received visits from library staff of Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Middle Temple, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the Institute of Historical Research, the Courtauld Institute and the University of Notre Dame, Australia. Pupils from Blackstone Chambers and groups from the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries and from various government libraries also visited. Inner Temple Library staff in their turn visited Fountain Court Chambers.

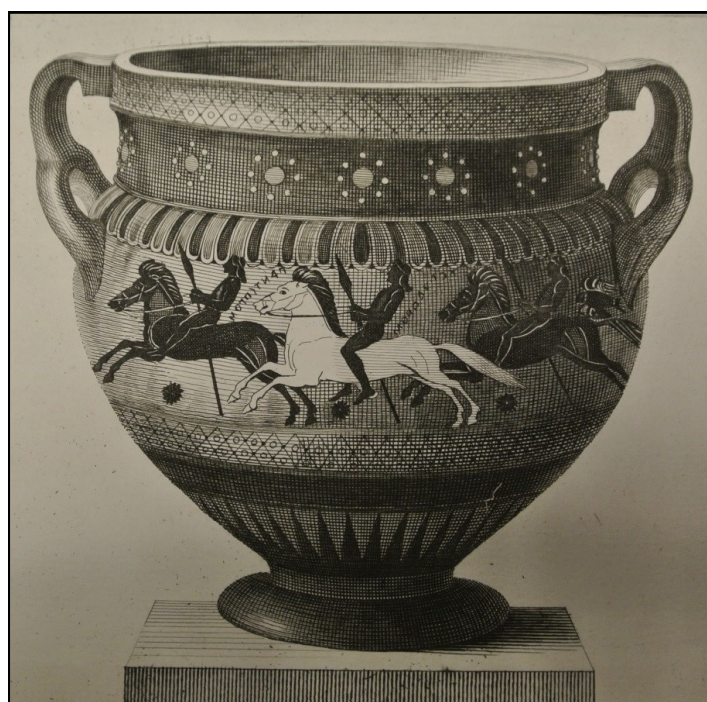
Website - there were 38,470 visits to the Library website. The most frequently accessed sections of the site were the legal research FAQs, the current newsletter, the catalogue, the legal collections and the history pages.

Classics Display

Books with classical connections have long been a significant part of the Inner Temple Library. The Library's collection includes copies of texts written in the ancient world, a wide range of reference sources, Latin language resources and (of course) a Roman law collection.

A new display in the Library, together with an accompanying [leaflet](#), explores the resources in the collection today. The display highlights some of our authoritative reference materials, sheds light on some of the Library's non-law material, and features some of the most treasured rare books and manuscripts held by the Inn.

The display covers the whole date range of the Library's holdings, from what is believed to be our earliest item, a 12th-century illuminated manuscript of Macrobius, to the texts of the Loeb Classical Library series, new editions of which continue to be published regularly. Some of the items featured in the display belong to the Library's non-law collection, from which books may be borrowed by Inner Temple barristers and students based in London, and by Inner Temple tenants, for up to 3 weeks.



Sir William Hamilton, Collection of Etruscan, Greek and Roman antiquities, 1766-1767

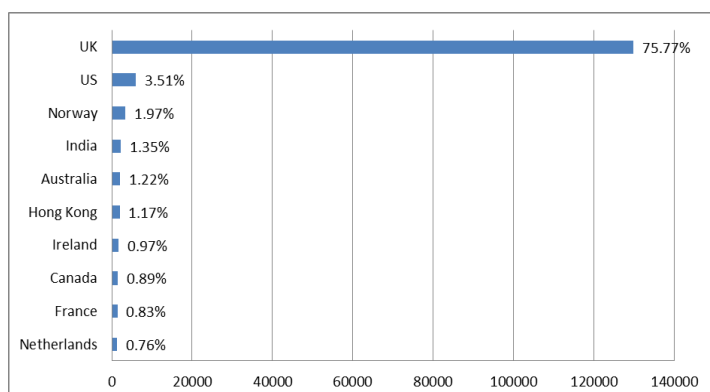
Current Awareness Update

The [Current Awareness](#) blog continues to grow in both size and popularity. In 2014 we added a total of 4,609 posts, bringing the archive up to a grand total of 38,085. The archive is searchable or browseable by category and there are now 1,103 categories.

We realise that if a current awareness service is to stay relevant it must be reviewed regularly. In 2014 we reviewed our [list of sources](#) monitored and added 9 new sources including more chambers websites and barristers' blogs.

The most popular way of subscribing to the blog is via email. The daily email subscriber list saw a 32% increase in 2014.

Users of the blog were predominantly UK based, but the top 10 user locations included the USA, Norway, India, Australia and Hong Kong.



A recent survey provided a useful snapshot of the make-up of our audience and some very positive feedback.

"I have used this service now for about 8 years and I think it is excellent."

Barrister

"This is a great service; the best place to get daily legal news."

Student

"I find it an excellent way of keeping on top of current legal stories and news, case law and commentaries."

CPD Trainer

"The blog is, without a doubt, the very best collection of legal news."

Legal Researcher

"It is a brilliant up-date tool on news and articles. I have used cases in court that I had only read that morning."

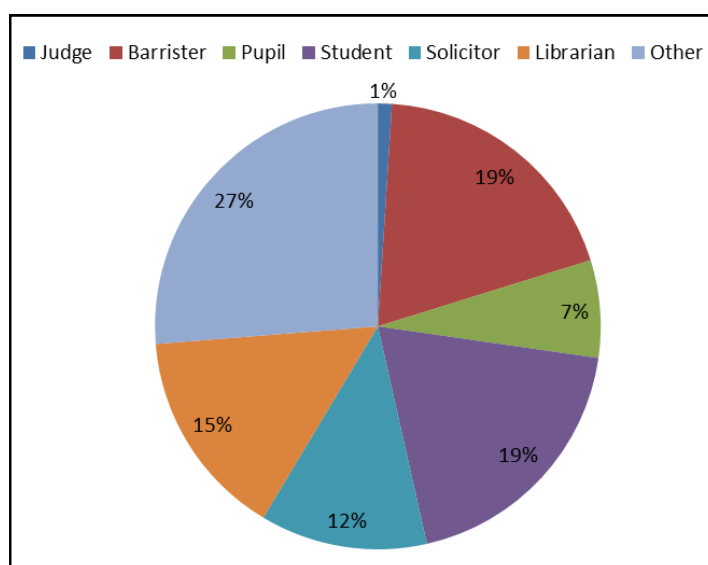
Barrister

"I find it a very useful service and appreciate the wide range of topics it covers."

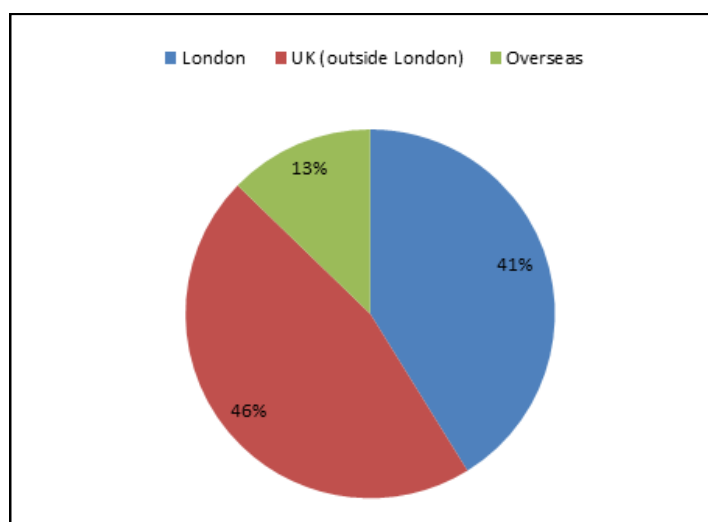
Librarian

"A really invaluable source of news and updates."

SEN Advocate



Users by professional status (information from online survey)



Users by location (information from online survey)

Current Awareness Update cont.

“Ever since it was launched I read it avidly and it helps me to feel that I am not missing any important legal development.”

Librarian

“[It]has been really interesting and helpful with regards to my law degree and general interest.”

Student

“You make an outstanding contribution to the dissemination of legal information.”

Retired Judge

Current Awareness
from the Inner Temple Library

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Magna Carta: The Medieval Context and the Part Played by William Marshal – Gresham College
Posted January 20th, 2015 in judges, legal history, magna carta, news, speeches by eally

Modern understanding of Magna Carta has begun to mythologize the creation and signing of the charter. Lord Igor Judge, Former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales places Magna Carta in its historical context as simply another Charter in an age when charters were “created like confetti”. As well as the byzantine politics and open warfare that led to the creation of Magna Carta, Lord Judge highlights the real hero of 1215, William Marshal, whose tireless campaigning and statecraft lead to the adoption of Magna Carta, ejected the French from British soil and secured the Plantagenet dynasty's hold on the throne.

Video
Gresham College, 14th January 2015
Source: www.gresham.ac.uk

Proposals for further reforms to court fees – Ministry of Justice
Posted January 20th, 2015 in civil justice, consultations, courts, fees, news, repossession by eally

In Part 1 of the Government response to the consultation ‘Court fees: proposals for reform’, we set out our decision to consider alternatives to the proposed fee increase for divorce.

Full story
Ministry of Justice, 16th January 2015

Current Awareness is a blog from the Inner Temple Library providing up-to-date information on new case law, changes in legislation and legal news from England and Wales.

2015 WALLACE BREEM MEMORIAL AWARD

Classifieds
[Click here to view chambers' vacancies](#)

Events
[Selected legal lectures and events](#)

Users' Comments
I would not want to be without it.
– Sir Stephen Sedley

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Legal Research Tips

There have been some recent changes to the way in which EU legislation and cases are cited.

Legislation

From 1 January 2015, documents published in the L series of the *Official Journal* will be numbered in a standardised format as follows: (domain) year/number. For example: Commission Regulation of 8 January 2015 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables, is now cited as (EU) 2015/31; Commission Implementing Decision of 7 January 2015 is now cited as (EU) 2015/27

Case Law

From the middle of 2014, the Court of Justice of the European Union has adopted the European Case-Law Identifier (ECLI). This will be applied to all cases decided by the European Courts since 1954 and to the Opinions and Views of the Advocates General. For example the judgment of the Court of Justice of 12 July 2005 in Case C-403/03 (*Schempp v. Finanzamt München V*) now has the following ECLI: EU:C:2005:446. Both forms of citation will be used in parallel and the EUR-Lex and Curia databases both have search boxes for the two citations.

New Online Services

We have now added **Practical Law** to the range of online resources which are available for use within the Library. Feedback from users was very positive when the service was trialled for six months in 2014 and as users were keen for the service to be retained, it was decided to take out a subscription.

We were also given access to **Lexis PSL** for a six month period last year and the trial period has now been extended to the end of March 2015. We would welcome users' feedback on this service.

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

AccessToLaw: Inquiries

Inquests and inquiries are rarely out of the news for long. Just in the past few weeks there have been the difficulties surrounding the setting up of the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, the continuing delay in publishing the report of the Iraq Inquiry, and the frequently reported hearings of the Hillsborough Inquests. The [Inquiries](#) section in our legal gateway site [AccessToLaw](#) has about fifty entries, mostly for individual completed or ongoing inquiries and inquests like Iraq and Hillsborough, but several general sources too for tracking down inquiry websites and reports.

Many inquiries are concerned with failings in the provision of care, health and mental health services. These include for example the **Shipman Inquiry**, which published the last of its six reports in 2005, and more recently the **Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry** of 2010-2013.

Many others are concerned with alleged failings or misconduct by the police and the armed forces. The best known of these is probably the 1999 report of the **Stephen Lawrence Inquiry**. Like many other important inquiry reports of the past (Shipman among them) it has recently become available on the GOV.UK government portal site.

The official website of the ongoing **Hillsborough Inquests** has transcripts of hearings, evidence and other documentation. The setting up of these new inquests followed the report of the **Hillsborough Independent Panel**, which oversaw full public disclosure of relevant government and other material. Besides its report, all of the disclosed material is available on the panel's website.

Events during the Northern Ireland conflict led to a number of official inquiries and reports, most notably the **Bloody Sunday Inquiry**. Although this is another major report which can now also be accessed on GOV.UK, our entry on [AccessToLaw](#) links to the inquiry's official website which remains accessible in the National Archives' UK Government Web Archive. Only the report itself is published on GOV.UK, whereas

the archived site also has background documentation such as transcripts and witness statements.

Internal inquiries conducted by the armed forces into serious accidents and incidents are known as service inquiries. Their findings are published on the GOV.UK site in the section **Ministry of Defence: Service Inquiry**. Public and other inquiries relating to the Armed Forces include the **Deepcut Review**, the **Baha Mousa Public Inquiry** and the **Al-Sweady Public Inquiry**. Those last two also relate to the Iraq War, as in other ways do the **Hutton Inquiry** of 2003-2004, the 2004 **Review of Intelligence on Weapons of Mass Destruction**, and of course the above-mentioned **Iraq Inquiry**.

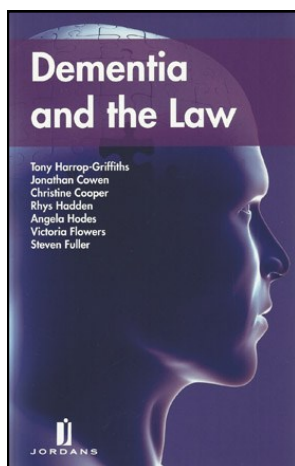
Investigations into civil aircraft accidents and serious incidents within the UK are carried out by the **Air Accidents Investigation Branch**, part of the Department for Transport. Also available on the site are a small number published by foreign accident investigation authorities. The AAIB's counterpart in respect of marine accidents is the **Marine Accident Investigation Branch**.

UK Government Web Archive: Public Inquiries and Inquests is a section of the National Archives site providing alphabetically arranged links to archived websites of about 40 major public inquiries and inquests of the past ten to fifteen years, both completed and ongoing.

Documents available in the **Emergency Planning College: Document Hub** (the Emergency Planning College being an organisation which provides emergency planning and crisis management training for the Cabinet Office) include more than thirty "Inquiry Reports and Lessons Identified". Amongst these are reports relating to Foot and Mouth Disease (2001 and 2007), the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise (1987), the original Hillsborough Stadium Disaster Inquiry (the Taylor Report, 1990), the King's Cross Underground Fire (1988), the Marchioness Disaster (1990 and 2000), and the Ladbroke Grove Rail Inquiry (2000).

New Acquisitions

Three recently acquired titles reflect this Library's primary responsibility among the Inns for mental health law. *Dementia and the law* by Tony Harrop-Griffiths and others (Jordan) addresses a wide range of legal issues that arise in respect of people with dementia, setting out the law clearly and accessibly. Starting from the initial stages of obtaining information, the book follows a logical sequence: the powers under the Mental Health Act 1983; rights to assessment; treatment and care services; the Mental Capacity Act 2005; financial deputies; attorneys and care funding. It concludes with a detailed section on the remedies which may be deployed to resolve disputes in these areas.

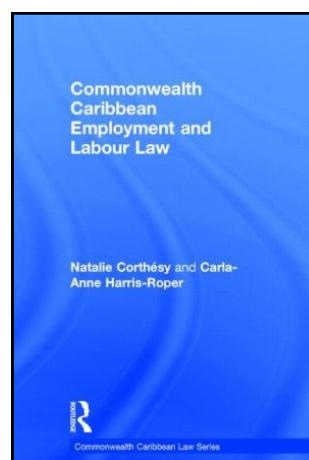


Court of Protection handbook: a user's guide by Alex Ruck Keene and others (LAG) is, say the publishers, the first book to address in detail the practice and processes of the Court of Protection across the whole range of its work in terms that are aimed not solely at lawyers but also at the increasing number of people who either by choice or otherwise are involved in proceedings before the Court without legal help. The authors provides an overview of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the Court of Protection, before turning to a step-by-step guide through the processes of preparing and making an application, funding and representation issues, preparing for and appearing at hearings, evidence, costs, enforcement and appeals.

A practitioner's guide to mental health law by Michael Butler ([Wildy Simmonds & Hill](#)) covers, in addition to the regimes established by the Acts referred to above, the impact of the ECHR on mental health law; police powers in respect of the mentally disordered; the constitution, role and powers of Mental Health Tribunals;

aftercare, guardianship and community treatment orders; and deprivation of liberty safeguards. The guide also provides a glossary of key terms and participants in the legal process, a summary of the main differences between English and Welsh law and procedure, definitions and explanations of the main psychiatric disorders, and checklists covering the key procedural points in hospital admissions. The publishers generously presented this, as they do all their new titles.

Another two new acquisitions relate to our responsibility for particular Commonwealth (in the latter case, ex-C o m m o n w e a l t h) jurisdictions. These are *Commonwealth Caribbean employment and labour law* by Natalie Corthésy and Carla-Anne Harris-Roper (Routledge) and *Land law in Hong Kong* by S.H. Goo and Alice Lee (LexisNexis). The Hong Kong title is now in its third edition but is new to us.



Thanks are due to the following members of the Inn, and others, who have kindly presented to the Library new titles and editions for which they have been responsible: Master Reynolds for *Bowstead and Reynolds on agency*, 20th edition; Master Goudie for *Judicial review*, 5th edition by Supperstone, Goudie and Walker; Stephen Todd for *Leading cases in song*; John Sorabji for *English civil justice after the Woolf and Jackson reforms: a critical analysis*; Robert Spicer for *Law: a critical look at the English legal system*; Gregory Treverton-Jones QC for *Solicitors' handbook 2015*; Francis Barlow QC for *Williams on wills*, 10th edition; Carl Islam for *Tax-efficient wills simplified 2014/2015*; and Julian Kenny for *Time charters*, 7th ed. by Terence Coghlin and others.

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