



# NEWSLETTER

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## Legal Research Training Update

On 4 April the Library ran part one of its legal research course for pupils. The session covered the essentials of legal research including cases, legislation, pre-legislative materials and current awareness. This was followed by two workshops on 12 and 19 April, which required pupils to answer a series of questions using the hard copy and electronic resources in the Library. This course will take place again in the autumn and the dates will be advertised on our website.

At a recent Qualifying Sessions Sub-Committee meeting approval was given for the Library to organise a training session for new BPTC students. It will be run in the autumn and will cover basic legal research. The session will take place on a weekday evening and will be repeated twice on a Saturday to facilitate access for students who are not based locally. This will be the first time that the Library has been involved in qualifying sessions and we look forward to participating in these events.

## Circuits Conference

On the evening of 26 February the Librarian and the Deputy Librarian took part in a Circuits Conference convened by the Treasurer, which was held in the Library. Presentations were given about Library services, social outreach programmes, education and training events across the circuits, membership numbers on circuit and the Inn’s proposed communications strategy. For the Library this was an opportunity to explain about the services available to members who are not based in London. Our presentation covered areas such as the document supply service, enquiry service, the Current Awareness blog and the Library’s gateway site, AccessToLaw. An information sheet, *Ten Reasons to use the Inner Temple Library* was circulated to participants. We hope that the Conference highlighted the range of services that we offer to all members of the Inn, regardless of their location.

## 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.

### April

23 April	Gray’s Inn
30 April	Inner Temple

### May

7 May	Lincoln’s Inn
14 May	Middle Temple
21 May	Gray’s Inn
28 May	CLOSED

To view a Saturday Opening Timetable up to December 2016 click [here](#).

## “It’s all online, isn’t it?”

*Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes*

Whenever I hear this my heart sinks. Having worked in the Library for nearly ten years, I can say with absolute certainty that it is not the case that everything is available online when it comes to legal research. If it were so, my job would be much less interesting.

At the Inner Temple Library we keep many statistics and among these is a record of enquiries that can only be answered using our hard-copy collections.

Our most frequently used hard-copy items are the old editions of practitioners’ textbooks. Sometimes we are asked for the edition before the current one but more often it is editions that date back years, or even decades, that are required. Recently we have been asked for a White Book from 1958, personal injury texts from “around 1965” and editions of Archbold from the 1990s. The old editions are not available on Westlaw and Lexis and so we have to keep superseded volumes.

It is not just old editions of practitioner works that we retain. The main subscription databases include large collections of law reports but the customer has no guarantee that a given title will be available on that platform in perpetuity; titles are often dropped, or coverage curtailed, without notice. In the event that the database subsequently loses a title, the Library will still have it.

The Inns of Court Libraries have unique nationally important collections and much of the material they hold is only available in hard copy. Our Commonwealth collection contains a good deal of material that is not available electronically (or if it is, it may not be in an authoritative version). At Lincoln’s Inn, similarly, House of Lords printed cases, judgments and appeal documents are only available in print or on microfilm.

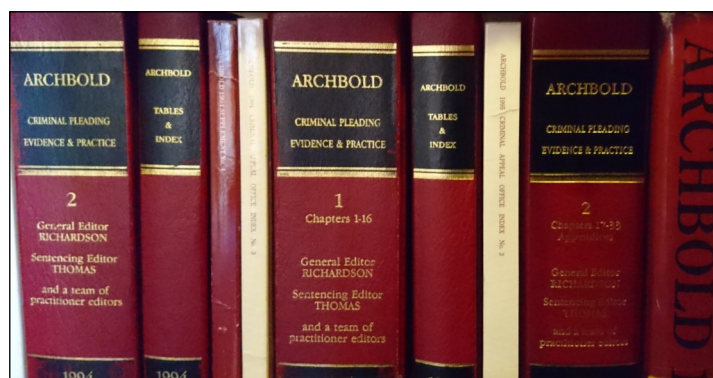
Sometimes even when an item is available online it may be easier to find the hard copy in the Library. Government publications (insofar as they are current) have mostly been transferred to the GOV.UK website but it is notoriously difficult to find material

on this site. Searching for a command paper or other official publication via the Library catalogue is often a quicker way to locate the material.

It is frequently assumed that the main subscription databases will answer all research queries. This is not so. If one is attempting to carry out historical research on Acts, for example, there are limitations to what one can do using these databases. We often point users to our old editions of *Halsbury’s statutes*, or to old editions of textbooks, to find historic versions of Acts.

In addition to the points already made, readers of this newsletter will need no reminding that barristers undertake in-depth and prolonged research; evidence from our user surveys makes it clear that the availability of hard copy material for this purpose is highly valued.

The need to retain hard copy collections is very clear to see. Having access to both hard copy and electronic resources is essential for barristers and the Library’s holdings of both make it an excellent research facility.



## Online v Hard Copy

We have had access to Sweet & Maxwell commentary sources on Westlaw for a three month trial period which began on 1 February. The monthly usage figures for the first two months of the trial show a low consultation rate for all of the online titles as compared with their hard-copy equivalents.

## Legal History Timelines

We have recently begun experimenting with interactive timelines as a tool to help our users explore legal history. So far they have been very well received and have enabled us to draw together documents and online resources that allow readers to research topics further.

As the keepers of a large evolving collection of print and online resources we are perfectly placed to use this rich archive to research and assemble displays, publications and interactive tools that appeal not only to legal practitioners but also to a wider audience.

### LGBT History Month

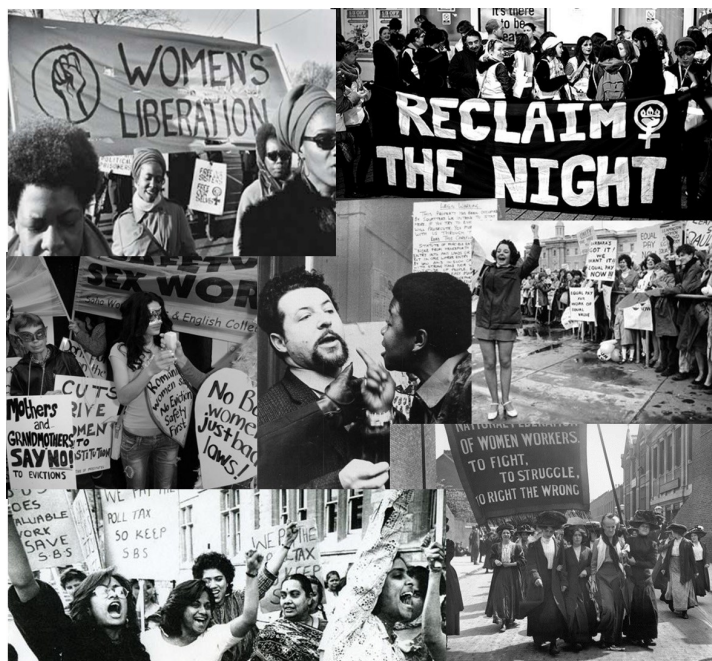
To mark Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Trans History Month in February we created a [legal history timeline](#) highlighting important legal events in LGBT history including landmark legislation and precedent-setting case law which mark dark days, incremental and hard-won change and increasingly positive breakthroughs.

We were very pleased with the interest this generated, which included a feature in *Gay Times*.

The screenshot shows a web article from Gay Times (GT) dated 12:38 3rd February 2016 by Josh Withey. The headline reads: "See how far we've come, with this amazing LGBT legal history timeline". Below the headline are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Email, and WhatsApp. A large graphic features the text "LGBT 2016" and "LGBT LEGAL HISTORY TIMELINE" with a rainbow-colored stylized figure. At the bottom, it states: "In celebration of LGBT History Month, the library of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, has plotted the legal history".

### International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March we put together a timeline of [women's legal history](#) featuring landmark moments in legislative and judicial history.



WelshGirlAbroad  
@WGAbroad



Follow

Top work from @inner\_temple on #IWD2016 ♀ - timeline full of incredible women. Proud to be a member.



Brie QC  
@BrieQC



Following

#IWD2016 ♀ What A brilliant project. Well done @inner\_temple



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In addition to the timeline we also created a display and a leaflet which profiled a selection of noteworthy female members of the Inns of Court. The display can be viewed in Room E of the Library and the leaflet can be viewed [here](#).



## House of Commons Library: Open Day

*Mark Leonard, Library Assistant, writes*

On Wednesday 17 February I attended the House of Commons Open Day for Librarians and Information Officers at Portcullis House in Westminster. The day was intended to bring librarians up to date with what has been happening at the House of Commons Library, which has recently undergone some changes. Nick Poole, the CEO of CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals) gave an introduction to the day. He said that the foundation of democracy is information and that information professionals need both to promote and to take credit for this. The country needs policy makers who can access and use information, and the work of the Library and librarians enables this. His stance was understandably well received by the librarians in attendance.

Some of the resources produced by the Library were highlighted, including The House of Commons Library blog [Second Reading](#) which publishes briefings for MPs, and [Working for an MP](#) which is designed for “anyone working for a British Member of Parliament or with an interest in how Parliament works.” The briefing papers the Library produces on topics relevant to Parliamentary debates, and the papers deposited by ministers in response to requests for information, can be accessed on the [Library's website](#).



*House of Commons Carpet (image attributed to UK Parliament)*

A series of lightning talks from various librarians at the House of Commons explained how the various service teams operated and outlined the changes they had experienced. The front-of-house team has recently adopted a new approach towards their users, whom they now regard as “customers” rather than simply as “members”. This is intended to promote a greater involvement with the general public, and consideration has been given to how the Library might deliver relevant information to everyone who may need it. External training sessions, qualitative feedback and regional focus groups are all part of this ongoing process. The enquiry teams field public enquiries using both hard copy and electronic resources, and are also becoming more proactive. A public libraries poster campaign to increase website use, piloted in 2015, will be run again this year in the lead up to Parliament Week in November.

Another particular highlight of these talks related to indexing and the politics of naming things, e.g. Baha’i being indexed as a faith rather than a sect after complaints were received. The debate about this, about what is said and what is meant, is dependent on context, and the wit and sarcasm that can occur in Parliament is an added consideration that requires human readers to decipher it carefully.

We were then taken on a tour of the beautiful Library, and shown the new set-up of the enquiry team: the staff desks all facing towards the entrance and a back room for off-duty work. The Library is also experimenting with presenting material in different ways, for instance featuring selected works in a bookshop-type display and trying to promote different parts of collection. The staff stressed that the hard copy material is still relied upon. An exhibition highlighting interesting parts of the collection, stalls at which attendees could meet members of staff, and a delicious lunch all helped to make the day a great success. As a side note, I met a librarian who had visited the Inner Temple Library during the Open House weekend in 2015 and was generous in her praise, which was gratifying to hear and demonstrates that these events can make a lasting impression.

## AccessToLaw: Immigration and Asylum

We have visited the [Immigration and Asylum](#) section before in these pages, but more than eight years ago now, back in January 2008 (Newsletter no.11). With migration such a major issue in many parts of the world at the present time, this may be an appropriate moment to remind ourselves again of some of the principal sources of free online information on migration law, to which we provide annotated links in this section of [AccessToLaw](#).

**Electronic Immigration Network** is primarily a comprehensive subscription service, rather than a free site, aimed at immigration law practitioners, advisors and others in the UK. There is some free content too though, such as general news and updates, in addition to the case law, legislation and other databases which are accessible only by subscribers.

Much official UK information on immigration and asylum is now to be found at the **UK Visas and Immigration** page of the GOV.UK site. UKVI, a part of the Home Office, has had responsibility for immigration matters since the closure in 2013 of the former UK Border Agency. Documentation accessible there includes the Immigration Directorate Instructions, Nationality Instructions, Entry Clearance Guidance, Enforcement Instructions and Guidance, and the Immigration Rules.

For convenience we also provide a dedicated entry linking directly to the **Immigration Rules** page. This affords quick access not only to the current UK Immigration Rules but also to archived consolidated versions back to 2012, and to individual Statements of Changes back to 2003.

Also accessible via the GOV.UK site is information on UK courts and tribunals. These include the **Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)**, the **Immigration and Asylum Tribunal** (as the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) is familiarly known), the **Asylum Support Tribunal** (First-tier Tribunal (Asylum Support)), and the **Special Immigration Appeals Commission**. For each of these we provide individual annotated links.

A notable organisation outside of government is the **Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants**, a long-established (50 years old next year) independent campaigning body “for justice in immigration, nationality and refugee law and policy” in Britain. Its website content includes information on recent legal developments, with links to documents.

Other UK sites include **Bhatt Murphy Solicitors** (a law firm specialising in the protection of civil liberties), **Garden Court Chambers: Immigration Legal Resources**, and the **Immigration Law Practitioners’ Association**.

Most of the remaining entries are concerned with wider European or international aspects of migration law.

The European Union’s migration policy is the responsibility of its Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, and relevant information, with links to current legislation, is to be found on its website **European Commission: Migration and Home Affairs**.

The **European Council on Refugees and Exiles** is an alliance of 90 refugee-assisting organisations which work throughout Europe to protect and advance the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons. Much of the content of its website is arranged by topic, and it provides links to EU legislation and case law.

The **European Country of Origin Information Network** is a site produced from Vienna by the Austrian Red Cross. It provides up to date country of origin information, on 165 countries, for lawyers and others involved in asylum cases. Guidance used specifically by the UK authorities in respect of about 30 countries may be found on the GOV.UK site at **UK Visas and Immigration: Country Information and Guidance**.

The **International Organization for Migration** is an inter-governmental body with over 160 member states and with offices in over 100 countries. Of particular note on the site is its Migration Law Database of international and regional instruments.

## AccessToLaw: Immigration and Asylum cont.

Other sites include **Odysseus Network**, **Refugee Law Reader**, **Refworld** and the UN agency **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**.

Finally, there is **Researching the Legal Aspects of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and the European Union**. This is an online research guide written by an Australian academic and published on the GlobaLex legal research site. It takes a comparative approach, covering primary and secondary sources, both in print and online, relating to those jurisdictions. It has been updated several times since it was first published in 2007, most recently just a few weeks ago.

## Visitors

Recent visitors to the Library have included Lorena Dinca, the Magna Carta Scholar from Romania, Dr Ruvi Ziegler, one of the Inn's Academic Fellows, and a group of American lawyers from the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court.

So far this year twenty-four tours have been carried out for groups of students from universities and sixth form colleges.



*Group of American lawyers from the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court, with the Deputy Librarian on the left*

## Easter Rising Display

*Verity Parkinson, Library Assistant, writes*

To commemorate the centenary of the Easter Rising (24-29 April 1916), the Library has produced a display and [leaflet](#) outlining the background, events and aftermath of the Rising, drawing particular attention to the legislation surrounding it and the Inner Temple's connection with the events.

The Acts of Union of 1800 (one passed by the British Parliament, one passed by the Irish Parliament) united the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland. Many in Ireland opposed the Union, and several attempts were made to pass legislation which would allow for Home Rule; the First and Second Home Rule Bills (in 1886 and 1893) failed, but the Third Home Rule Bill was passed in 1914. However, the implementation of the Act was postponed on the outbreak of the First World War, and the Easter Rising - an armed uprising which attempted to establish an Irish Republic - took place in 1916.

The Chief Secretary for Ireland at the time of the Easter Rising, Augustine Birrell, was a KC and a Bencher of the Inner Temple; several of his books are held by the Library, including his autobiography, *Things past redress*. Birrell resigned the day after the Rising ended, stating in a letter to the Prime Minister that he "couldn't go on"; he never returned to Ireland.



The Library holds print copies of legislation from Ireland and the UK, as well as providing access to these resources via online services.

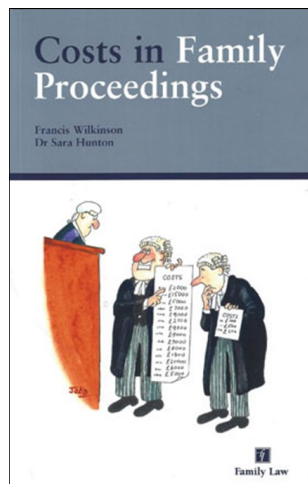
## Database Training

Over the next few months we will be organising CPD accredited training sessions on Justis, Lexis and Westlaw which will be carried out by the database providers. The dates will be advertised in the Library and on our website.



## New Acquisitions

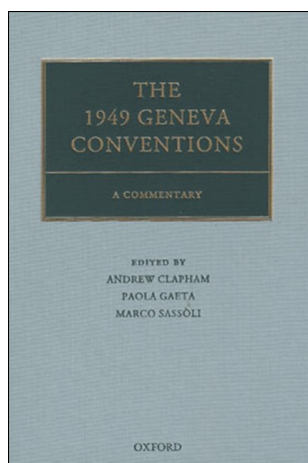
Dr Sara Hunton, co-author with Francis Wilkinson of



*Costs in family proceedings* (Family Law), has kindly presented a copy of this new work to the Library. Lord Wilson JSC, in his foreword, notes “it is extraordinary that until now there has been no authoritative text on costs in the specific context of family proceedings”, and the authors concede that theirs is a Cinderella subject,

“undeservedly neglected or ignored” but yet “unexpectedly achiev[ing] recognition or success after a period of obscurity and neglect”. They provide a clear exposition of the three different regimes for family costs, and address particular issues such as arbitration costs, public funding, wasted costs and costs for litigants in person.

*The 1949 Geneva conventions: a commentary*, edited



by Andrew Clapham, Paola Gaeta and Marco Sassoli (Oxford) is an important addition to our international law collection. The four Geneva Conventions remain the fundamental basis of contemporary international humanitarian law. They protect the wounded on the battlefield, those wounded or shipwrecked at sea, the treatment of prisoners of

war, and civilians in a war zone. However, since they were adopted warfare has changed considerably. In this ground-breaking commentary over sixty experts from multiple disciplines within international law investigate how the Geneva Conventions are applied today. It places the Conventions in the light of the developing obligations imposed by international law on states and individuals, most notably through international human rights law and international criminal law.

Conceived to mark the 50th anniversary, in 2013, of the House of Lords’ landmark decision in *Hedley Byrne v Heller*, the international collection of essays, *The law of misstatement : 50 years on from Hedley Byrne v Heller*, edited by Kit Barker, Ross Grantham and Warren Swain (Hart) brings together leading experts from five of the most important jurisdictions in

which the case has been considered (the United Kingdom, the United States, New Zealand, Canada and Australia) to reappraise its implications from a number of complementary perspectives – historical, theoretical, conceptual, doctrinal and comparative.

Thanks are due to the following who (in addition to Dr Hunton, mentioned above) have presented new titles or editions to the Library: Master Thorpe for *International perspectives on disputes about children and child protection*; Master Treasurer for *Defences in unjust enrichment* edited by Dyson, Goudkamp and Wilmot-Smith; James Kessler QC for *Drafting trusts and will trusts in Hong Kong* by Kessler, Kwan and Munro; Lincoln’s Inn for *A Lincoln’s Inn commonplace book*; John Whittaker for *The law of limited liability partnerships*, 4th edition; Michael Salter for *Social media in the workplace* by Bryden and Salter; Lord Judge for *The safest shield: lectures, speeches and essays*; Gray’s Inn for *The war book of Gray’s Inn 1939-1945*; Master Eder for *Scrutton on charterparties and bills of lading*, 23rd edition; the Middle Temple for *250 years of Blackstone’s commentaries*; and Master Aldous for *Clinical negligence*, 3rd edition.

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