



# NEWSLETTER

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## 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.

### February

18 February	Gray's Inn
25 February	Inner Temple

### March

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

### April

1 April	Lincoln's Inn
8 April	Middle Temple
15 April	CLOSED

[This timetable](#) gives details of the Saturday opening hours of all four Inn Libraries up to the end of July 2017.

## Project Pegasus Latest Update

The Inn's [planning application](#) for the redevelopment of the Treasury Building has been submitted to the City of London Planning Department and is now available on its website.

The plans allow for the creation of a third and fourth floor to house an educational centre with training rooms, an auditorium and offices to provide for an increasing requirement for education and training facilities within the Inn.

The plans preserve the use of seven of the existing reading rooms (Rooms A-G) on the main floor of the Library but not the Library Gallery which becomes part of the new third floor. A book storage room in the basement will house some of the material displaced from the Gallery.

The Inn intends to mount an exhibition of the proposed scheme with visual depictions of the exterior of the building, interior layouts and a new entrance/reception area for the main building. Details of the exhibition will be available on the Inn's website shortly.

Preliminary work on identifying the alternative facilities needed to run the Inn during the construction phase, estimated to start in spring 2019, will be intensified once the planning application is approved. This will include the provision of a temporary library service.

A set of the latest floorplans for Project Pegasus is available at the Library Enquiry Point.

## Annual Review 2016

**AccessToLaw** - the content of our [gateway site](#), which provides annotated links to over 1300 free legal websites, was checked and updated on a quarterly basis. There were 148,324 individual visitors to the site from 197 countries, the majority coming from the UK, USA, Malaysia, India, Canada, Australia and Singapore. The sections of the site accessed most frequently were Case Law, Court Information, Legal Journals, Northern Ireland, Caribbean, Courts and Tribunals, Republic of Ireland and Regulatory Law.

**Binding** - a total of 538 volumes of UK law and 131 volumes of Commonwealth law were bound or rebound during the year. Bookends Bindery, which specialises in dealing with manuscripts and early printed books, carried out conservation and repair work on a number of items including two manuscript works by Francis Maseres and a volume of the Marshall Hall press cuttings.

**Branding** - a new library branded mug was given to students at the fresher events we attended at the London Bar schools and to participants in our open afternoon for students and induction sessions for pupils. The Library tote bag was also given away at a number of events.



**Cataloguing** - around 170 new law titles and editions were added to the [catalogue](#) during the year. This total includes only practitioners' texts, and excludes continuation volumes of periodicals (which are of course heavily represented in a library such as ours), reissue volumes of encyclopaedic works, non-law books, or general reference books or other non-law titles, so the actual number of volumes acquired (and in most cases, individually catalogued) would be many times that total.

**Circuits** - in February the Librarian and Deputy Librarian took part in a Circuits Conference convened by the Treasurer. For the Library this was an opportunity to explain about the services available to members who are not based in London. Our presentation to representatives from the Circuits

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.

**Committees** - the Librarian acted as secretary to the Library Committee and as coordinator of the Bar Librarians Group, and attended 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 helped to organise a very successful conference in Dublin.

**Current Awareness Blog** - the coverage of the [blog](#) includes the latest legal news, new case law and changes in legislation, commentary from chambers' blogs, announcements of forthcoming lectures and seminars, and advertisements for chambers vacancies. A total of 4,250 posts were added in 2016. The blog now has 46,581 posts, 1,108 subject categories, 2,562 subscribers via email or RSS feed and 8,200 Twitter followers. The number of individual visitors to the site was 200,087.

The top ten most frequently accessed subject categories were sentencing, appeals, police, human rights, murder, internet, children, media, local government and sexual offences. Apart from the UK, visitors to the site came from a wide range of countries including the USA, Russia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia, India, Canada and the Republic of Ireland.

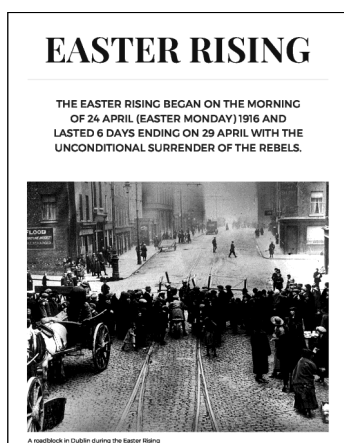
We will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the blog in April 2017.

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**Displays and Publications** - during the year we mounted a number of displays to commemorate anniversaries and events and to highlight particular parts of our collection. They included LGBT History Month, International Women's Day (Women at the Inns of Court), the Easter Rising in Dublin, the Great Fire of London, Canada Day, and the World Cup 1966. To accompany the displays we produced information sheets and leaflets all of which can be found online via our [Publications](#) webpage.



*Women at the Inns of Court*



**Document Supply Service** - this [service](#) is available to barrister and judicial members of all four Inns wherever they are based, and to student members of the Inner Temple. Over the year 206 items have been scanned and emailed to barristers located in the UK, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, the Republic of Ireland and the Turks & Caicos Islands.

**Donations** - members of the Inn continue to present copies of their newly published works. Donations resulted in a saving of over £3000 on monographs and over £8,000 on loose-leaf releases and journals. We continue to receive [Wildy, Simmonds and Hill](#) publications free of charge.

In August, thanks to the generosity of Lady Le Quesne, the Library received some 40 volumes from the library of the late Master Le Quesne who was Treasurer of the Inn in 1989.



*Master Le Quesne*

**Enquiries** - staff at the Enquiry Point dealt with 3,654 personal and telephone enquiries from barristers, judges, pupils, students, and clerks. Enquiries were, as always, very varied and included establishing what discretion to admit fresh evidence was exercisable by judges under the R.S.C. as in operation in 1954; assembling legislation and case law concerning criminal appeals in various Caribbean jurisdictions; and finding historic statutory guidance relating to child protection.

Particularly intriguing was a request for an early 18th-century Act concerning insolvent debtors, to which an incorrect title (and date) had been applied by a later commentator; the matter was only resolved by reference to the Acts of the period as originally printed.

We have increased the range of stationery items available for purchase at the Enquiry Point in response to users' requests.



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**Historical Enquiries** - enquiries dealt with during 2016 related to a wide range of topics, including: the law examinations taken by Gandhi; evidence of commercial production of legal material in the 17th century, especially Hobart's Reports; and the life of E.W. Barker, law minister in the government of the newly independent Singapore. As ever we received a great many enquiries concerning persons supposed to have been members of the Inn and these were dealt with in collaboration with the Archivist.

**IT** - public access PCs are in the process of being replaced with new models to improve the IT experience for all library users.

**Legal Research Training** - the Library ran its legal research training course for new pupils in the spring and autumn of 2016. The course covers UK case law and legislation.

A new initiative in 2016 was the introduction of legal research training in the context of the Inn's qualifying sessions. Over 110 students attended the sessions which were run twice on a Saturday and once on a weekday evening in the autumn. Feedback on the content and on the trainers was very positive. Dates have now been set for 2017.



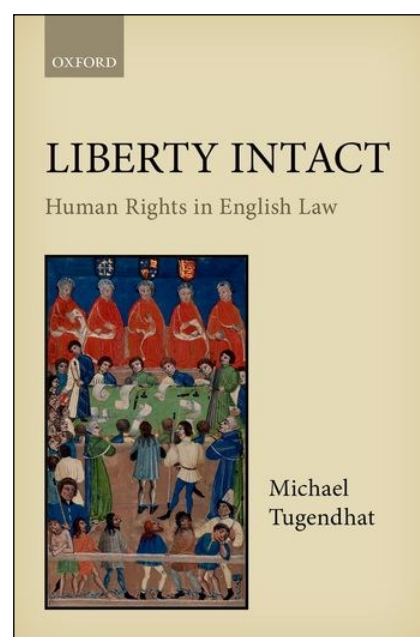
*The Deputy Librarian talking at one of the sessions*

In November two members of the library team, Tracey Dennis and Simon Hindley, travelled to Gibraltar to run a training session for members of the local Bar, which gave an overview of the key points to consider when carrying out legal research.

We continue to provide one-to-one training on databases and printed material as required for students, pupils and barrister members of the Inn.

**Littleton Basement** - 250 items were requested from the Library's basement store in the Littleton Building. In the main material housed there is not available online. The most frequently requested works are old editions of textbooks, law reports and journals. More parliamentary material was requested in 2016 than in any previous year.

**Manuscript Enquiries** - the range of subjects being investigated by visiting scholars continues to bear witness to the variety and richness of the manuscript collection. They have included the life of Cecily Neville, Duchess of York; the Quebec Act 1774 as an example of British imperial policy; religious change in 16th-century Cambridge; and readers' responses to erotic poetry, specifically Thomas Nashe's "The Choise of Valentines". Our mid-15th century illumination showing the [Court of King's Bench](#) features on the cover of Master Tugendhat's new book *Liberty intact: human rights in English law*.



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**Newsletter** - issues of the Library's electronic newsletter were sent out to all members and tenants in January, April, July and November. A [Newsletter Archive](#) is also available on the Library website.

**Presentations** - in June the Deputy Librarians from the Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn gave a presentation at the annual conference of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians on the role of the Inn Libraries and how their services have changed over the years. The session, which was well attended, highlighted the Inn Libraries as being libraries of national importance.

**Pupils** - in addition to the legal research sessions already mentioned, the Deputy Librarian and one of the Library Assistants gave introductory talks about the Library to new pupils at a number of lunchtime events. Tours were also given to new pupils from various sets of chambers.

**Social Media** - In 2016 we continued to expand the range of content created for our social media presence on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Taking anniversaries and key dates as an opportunity to highlight library research and resources, we marked [International Women's Day](#) with a series of profiles of women at the Inns of Court, [Halloween](#) with Witches, Mediums and Consumer Protection, [100 Years of Roald Dahl](#) with a quiz; and we put together a very popular series of [Legal Latin lessons](#).



“[A] medium is a vehicle via which the spirit of someone who has passed away can communicate with the living.”

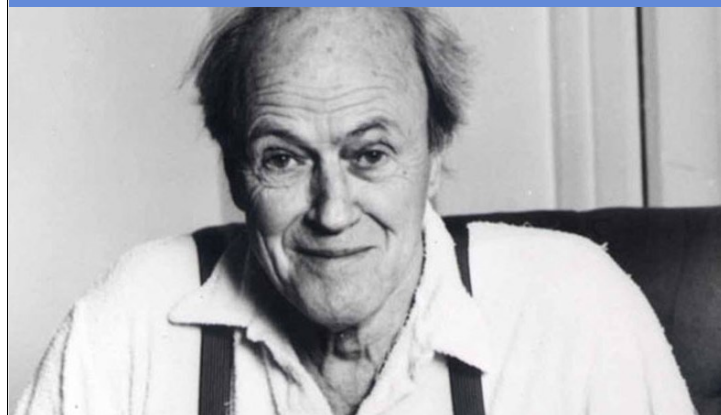
Up until 1951 mediumship was regulated by the Witchcraft Act 1735 and section 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824

**THE WITCHCRAFT ACT 1735**

“The Witchcraft Act 1735 [...] repealed all the previous Acts and substituted the relatively mild offence aimed at people who ‘undertake to tell fortunes or pretend from his or her skill or knowledge in any occult or crafty science to discover where or in what manner any goods or

### Roald Dahl in the Law Library

The librarian has been eaten by an enormous crocodile and it is up to you to help match up the legal resource with the relevant character.



**Inner Temple Library**

Published by Sally McLaren [?]

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Legal Latin of the Day!

Ubi jus ibi remedium

'where there is a right there is a remedy'. If the law provides a right it follows that it provides a remedy for violation of it. ... [See more](#)

**Staff Changes** - one of the Library Assistants, Mark Leonard, left the Inn to take up the post of Assistant Librarian at Lincoln's Inn. He was replaced by Lucia Asnaghi who had been working in the Library as an Evening Assistant for several years and who is a qualified librarian.

**Staff Training** - courses attended by Library staff included the following topics: copyright; knowledge management; use of social media; Pepper v Hart research; and advanced Photoshop as well as legal research sessions run by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library.



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**Student Events** - the Library participated in the Inn's introductory evenings for London and out of London students and for the first time the Deputy Librarian joined the panel of speakers to explain to new students the benefits of using the Library and library services.

The Deputy Librarian and colleagues from the other Inns gave presentations at the City Law School, the University of Law and BPP Law School on the services that the Inn Libraries offer to Bar students. The presentation is also available as a [slideshow](#) on the Library website.

In addition, library staff from the Inner Temple, the Middle Temple and Lincoln's Inn represented their three Inns at fresher events at the London Bar schools. This was a new initiative and proved an excellent way to connect with new BPTC students.

In September the Library held an open afternoon for students which was well attended. A number of attendees took part in an orientation quiz with one lucky student winning lunch for two in Hall.



*The Deputy Librarian awaiting students at the University of Law Freshers' Fair*

**Timelines** - a member of the library team, Sally McLaren, created a number of interactive legal history timelines featuring landmark moments in legislative and judicial history, which received very positive feedback on social media. These included LGBT Legal History, Women's Legal History and Black British History and the Law. All the [timelines](#) can be viewed on the Library website.

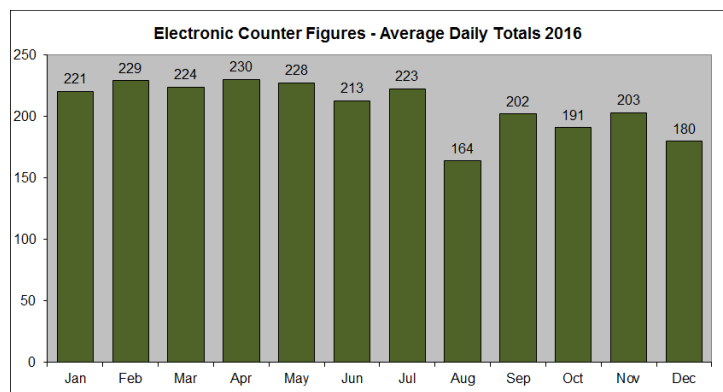


*Black British History and the Law*

**Tours** - over 90 tours of the Library were given to individuals and groups of prospective new members during the year. The [virtual tour](#) on our website was viewed 1,390 times.

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**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 2016, after this adjustment, was 209.



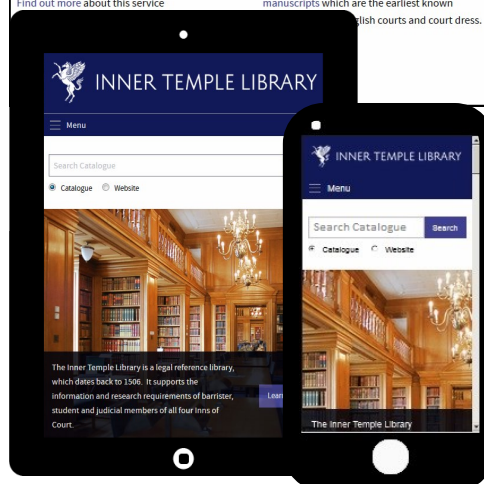
**User Group** - the Library Users' Group, which consists of students, pupils and barristers, held a number of meetings during the year. The main topic for discussion was how the implementation of Project Pegasus would affect the Library space, collections, services and staff.

**Visits** - we received visits from new library staff at the other Inns, Lorena Dinca, the Magna Carta scholar from Romania, Claudia Cristina Saltao, Head Librarian of the Faculty of Law at the New University of Lisbon, Sean Barr, law librarian at Swansea University, members of the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court in Texas, Australian lawyers on a tour accompanied by Peter Butt (Emeritus Professor at Sydney University), the Indian High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner, and a group of law librarians attending the International Association of Law Libraries conference.

Library staff visited the House of Commons Library, the City Business Library and the National Archives at Kew.

**Website** - the Library's website, which has been completely redesigned, went live at the end of the year. The new site showcases library services and facilities more effectively while the menu structure makes it easier to navigate and more user friendly. The [Library Catalogue](#) can now be searched from any part of the site. Wordpress technology has been used

on the site to ensure it will work on any device from PC to tablet to smartphone.



**Wellbeing** - one of the library team, Sally McLaren, has been a member of the Inn's Wellbeing Group since its inception. Amongst the events she is planning will be lunchtime talks with guest speakers. The Wellbeing Group has been set up to promote staff wellbeing and the creation of an open and supportive culture in the workplace.



## Gibraltar Visit

In November 2016 two members of the library team, Simon Hindley and Tracey Dennis, travelled to Gibraltar to give a presentation on legal research to members of the local Bar. They provided an overview of legal research covering such topics as: advice on using subscription databases, chiefly Lexis and Westlaw; tracking the judicial history of a case; locating different versions of legislation; and finding commencement information and pre-legislative materials. The event took place at the University of Gibraltar in a state of the art training room. Over twenty lawyers attended and feedback was very positive. Our thanks go to Charles Bonfante of Hassans, a member of the Inn, who took care of all the arrangements and made sure that the library staff were well looked after.



## Training Dates

Our next training session for new pupils on the essentials of legal research will take place on Tuesday 4 April 2017 from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in the Committee Room.

To register for a place, email [trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk)

The legal research qualifying session for new students will be run twice as part of the Inn's BPTC Advocacy Day on 23 September and once as a separate event on the evening of 11 October.

## Legal Reference Materials Course

*Verity Parkinson, Library Assistant, writes*

Last year I attended the BIALL Legal Reference Materials Course at City University. This one-day course provided an overview of the UK's legal systems (with a focus on England and Wales), legislation and case law, giving advice on how to carry out effective legal research using key information sources. It was suitable for both librarians and library assistants, and the well-attended sessions included a mix of participants, from new library assistants learning how to do legal research for the first time to more experienced library staff using the course as refresher training.

While nothing covered was completely new to me (thanks to the excellent legal research training provided here in the Library by Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian), I found it most helpful for strengthening my legal research skills and reminding me of sources I use less frequently. Of particular use were the reminders of Westlaw's tool for finding where terms were defined by cases, and the ability to find all documents relating to a bill (if it's from 2001 or later) in one place on [parliament.uk](http://parliament.uk). It was really useful to spend a whole day just refreshing my memory of the resources available, and it was also good to have the opportunity to chat with colleagues from other law libraries.



## Humanities Digital Library

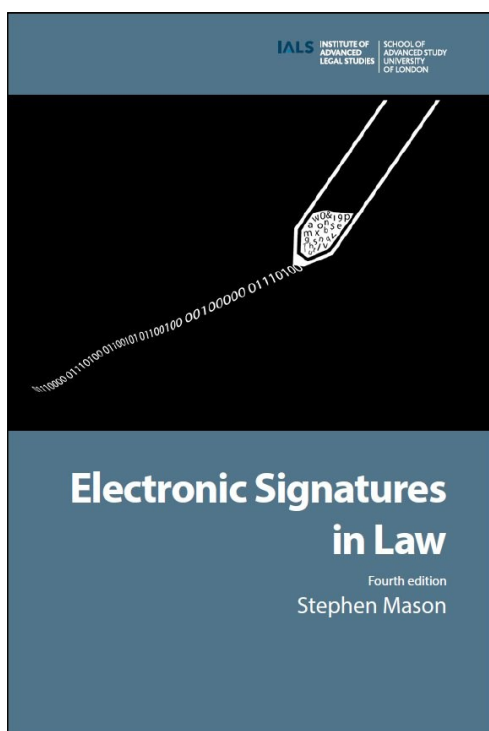


The Librarian attended the launch of the [Humanities Digital Library](#) on 17 January at the Institute of Historical Research. This new open-access scholarly books platform is an initiative of the School of Advanced Study

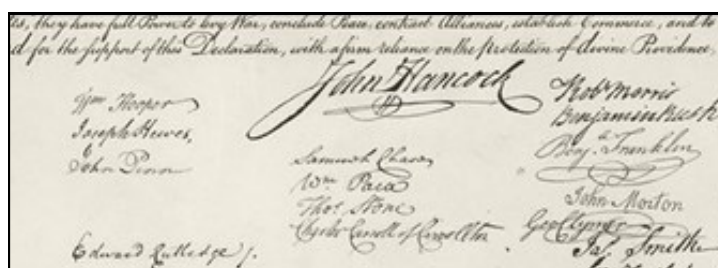
and the University of London and is led by two of the School's research centres: the Institute of Historical Research and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

The resource combines new open-access publications with digital versions of existing print titles that will now be freely available to, and reusable by, anyone. Scholarly titles in law, history and classics will be on offer. Each title will be published as an open access PDF; copies will also be available for purchase in print and EPUB formats.

Among the first publications to appear is [Electronic Signatures in Law](#) by Stephen Mason, a barrister and leading authority on electronic signatures and electronic evidence.



## William Paca



William Paca, lawyer, revolutionary politician, and signatory to the US Declaration of Independence, was admitted to the Inner Temple 255 years ago, (on 14th January 1762).

Called to the bar in Maryland in 1764, Paca qualified as an attorney in several county and provincial courts, later being appointed a judge.

In tandem with a successful legal career, Paca played a very active role in politics, holding many political posts during his lifetime, including representative in the Maryland house of delegates and in the Senate. Most famously he voted for, and signed the Declaration of Independence on behalf of Maryland.

Paca also had an influence on the shaping of the Bill of Rights, into which a number of his ideas were incorporated. These started life as Paca's proposed "twenty-eight amendments to the constitution designed to ensure personal freedoms and limitations on federal powers similar to safeguards written into the Maryland constitution."\*

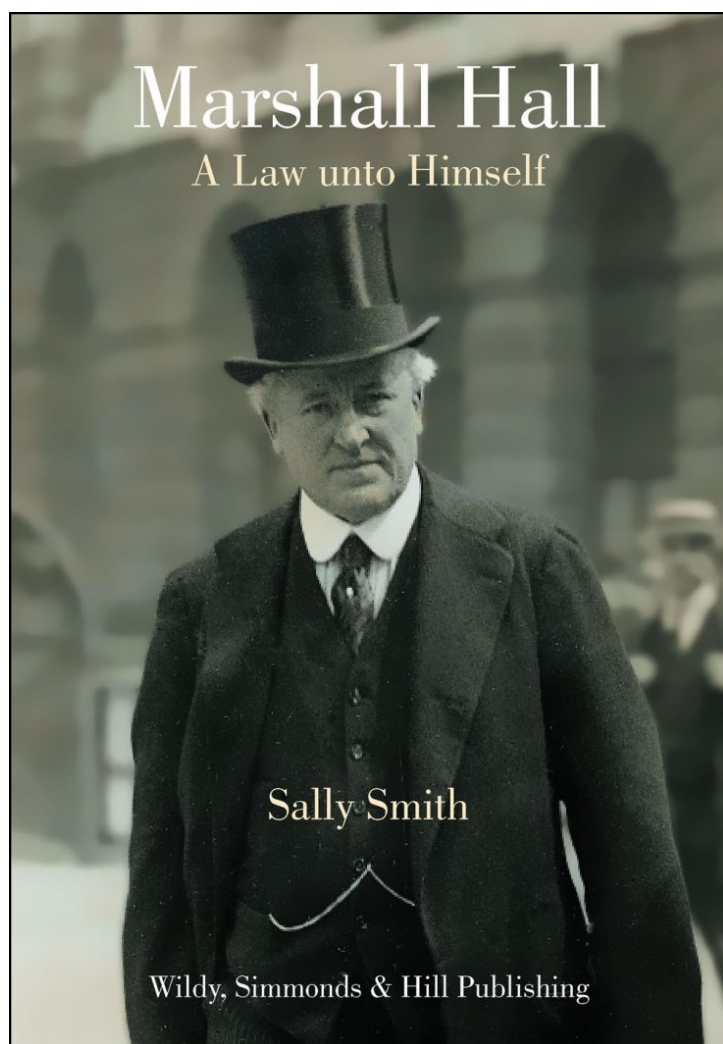
The *Dictionary of National Biography* notes that:

"Despite Paca's opposition to the new form of government, George Washington appointed him a judge for the federal district court of Maryland in December 1789, recognising that without men like Paca there would have been no American government, federal or otherwise."

\**Dictionary of National Biography*

## History Society Lecture

On 6 March at the Inner Temple Sally Smith QC, Master of the Library, will talk about the highs and lows of her research for her recent biography of Sir Edward Marshall Hall and the man she discovered along the way, not to mention his wives, his mistresses, his cases and the romantic world of the late Victorian and Edwardian Bar.



Sir Edward Marshall Hall KC saved more people from the hangman's noose than any other known barrister. His famous trials included the Camden Town Murder, Seddon the Poisoner, the Brides in the Bath, the Green Bicycle Murder and the Murder at the Savoy.

The lecture will start at 6.00 p.m. in the Parliament Chamber and will be followed by a drinks reception.

Tickets: £10 (IT Students: Free) [Book here](#) or call the Treasury Office on 020 7797 8250.

## Forthcoming Events

### Lecture Series: The Social Context of Law. What is Europe?

20 February 2017

#### Lecture 1

The Rt Hon. Sir Konrad Schiemann and Professor Sir Roger Scruton FBA FRSL

Two leading experts give their differing views on the constitutional foundations of what we understand Europe to be, including a philosophical and historical perspective.

20 March 2017

#### Lecture 2

The Rt Hon. Lord Sumption OBE and The Rt Hon. Sir John Laws

Democracy, Ethics and Morality

27 March 2017

#### Lecture 3

The Rt Hon. Sir Michael Tugendhat and Kirsty Brimelow QC

An analysis of human rights from the 18th century to the present day, identifying rights which have evolved from English law and which are recognised in the human rights law we see today.

Location: All the lectures take place in the Inner Temple Parliament Chamber at 5.45 p.m.

Members of the Inner Temple: Free to attend including post-lecture drinks reception.

More information can be found [here](#) or by calling the Treasury Office on 020 7797 8250.

Non-members: £10 to include post-lecture drinks reception. Book online via Eventbrite.

23 March 2017

### The Temple Women's Forum: Lady Justices in Conversation

Location: Middle Temple Hall

5.30 p.m. for 6.00 p.m.

Free. [Book here](#).

## AccessToLaw: Information Law

Data Protection Day was celebrated on 28 January 2017. This was its tenth anniversary, the first Data Protection Day having taken place on 28 January 2007. Some readers will have noticed that within the last few weeks both the Data Protection section and the Freedom of Information section have disappeared from our [AccessToLaw](#) portal site. However all of the entries which were previously to be found under those headings continue to be accessible, now brought together in one newly created section: - [Information Law](#).

About half of the entries link to the websites of tribunals and official bodies of various kinds, and half to sources of independent information and comment. These include several blogs.

**Panopticon** is a blog produced by a team of barristers at the chambers 11 KBW in the Temple. It was established in 2009 and covers all aspects of information law, including freedom of information, data protection and privacy.

**UK Freedom of Information Blog** was launched in 2003 with the aim of collating news stories and press releases concerning the operation of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and related issues in the UK and abroad. The organisation Campaign for Freedom of Information has maintained the blog in recent years, though it should be noted that no posts have been added to the site since November 2013.

The **Campaign for Freedom of Information** works to promote freedom of information in the UK. We provide a link not only to the blog site just described but also to the Campaign's main website, where news of current developments in freedom of information continues to be posted.

Last of the blog entries is **Privacy, Security and Information Law**, which has been produced by lawyers at the firm Fieldfisher since 2011.

Another source for current developments is **Guardian: Freedom of Information**, a section of the Guardian newspaper's website which brings together its coverage of FOI issues since 1999.

The Constitution Unit at University College London describes itself as the UK's leading research body on constitutional change. **UCL Constitution Unit: Freedom of Information and Data Protection** is a section of its website which provides information on its research projects and other work in this area.

The main public body responsible for data protection and freedom of information in the UK is the **Information Commissioner's Office**. Information on its website includes the Register of Data Controllers, also known as the **Data Protection Public Register**, to which we provide an additional separate direct link.

Entries are also provided for the websites of the **Scottish Information Commissioner** and the **Office of the Information Commissioner, Ireland**.

Appeals from decisions of the Information Commissioner's Office are heard by the General Regulatory Chamber (GRC) of the First-tier Tribunal (in succession to the Information Tribunal and the earlier Data Protection Tribunal). Our entry adopts the informal name by which this jurisdiction within the GRC is commonly known, the **Information Rights Tribunal**. It links to a page of the GOV.UK site which has details of the appeal procedure, links to relevant legislation including procedural rules, and a link to decisions from 1990 onwards.

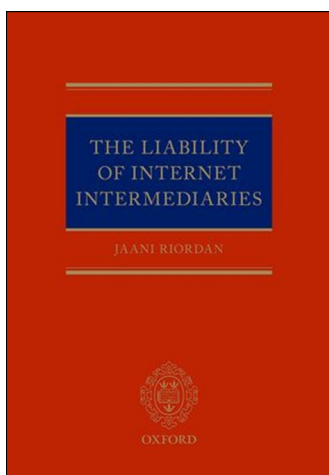
The websites of both the European Commission and the Council of Europe provide much information on data protection in Europe. **European Commission: Data Protection** gives access to relevant EU legislation and case law, and links to the data protection regulatory bodies in EU and EFTA member states.

**Council of Europe: Data Protection** includes treaties and other international legal instruments, national laws of member states, ECHR case law, and a handbook on European data protection law. It was the Council of Europe that established Data Protection Day in 2007, to mark and celebrate its data protection convention, which was opened for signature on 28 January 1981.



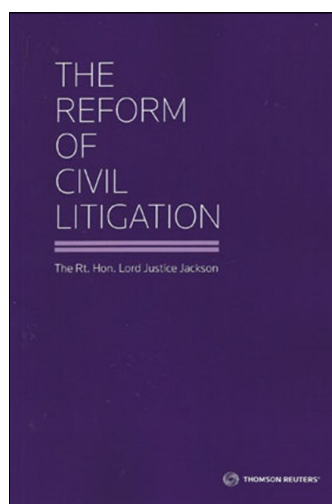
## New Acquisitions

No work has yet specifically addressed the legal responsibility for wrongdoing carried out by third parties using internet service providers' facilities or platforms. *The liability of internet intermediaries* by Jaani Riordan (Oxford) fills that gap by providing comprehensive coverage of the legal duties owed by intermediaries and the increasingly complex schemes that regulate their activities. The first part of the work introduces the concept of an internet intermediary, general doctrines of primary and secondary liability, and the European enforcement regime. The second part examines the liability of intermediaries in specific areas of law, with a detailed analysis of the applicable liability rules, and the major English and EU case law. The final part of the work provides guidance on remedies and limitations.



and covers ethics, (self-) regulatory rules, common law and statutory oversight. In addition to covering the law of England and Wales, the work draws on the relevant jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and applicable EU law.

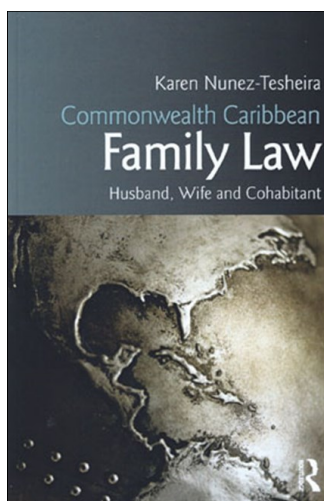
*Human rights and private international law* by James Fawcett, Máire Ní Shúilleabháin and Sangeeta Shah consider and analyses the numerous private international law cases discussing human rights concerns arising in the commercial law context, alongside high profile cases dealing with torture (Jones v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and same sex marriage (Wilkinson v. Kitzinger). The right to a fair trial is considered in depth, as are the right to freedom of expression, the right to respect for private and family life, the right to marry, the right to property and the prohibition of discrimination on the ground of religion, sex, or nationality.



In his new book, *The reform of civil litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell), Lord Justice Jackson provides a concise explanation of his civil justice and costs reforms, aiming to provide practitioners with clear and practical guidance on how they fit together. Lord Justice Jackson's reforms had the objective of reducing litigation costs and delay, thereby promoting

access to justice. This is the first-hand record of what the reforms sought to achieve and a review of their success to date, drawing lessons from the process.

*Newsgathering: law, regulation and the public interest* by Gavin Millar and Andrew Scott (Oxford) is a pioneering work drawing together the law and other regulatory measures that relate to newsgathering. Written in the post-Leveson environment, each chapter considers a specific newsgathering practice,



Karen Nunez-Tesheira's *Commonwealth Caribbean family law: husband, wife and cohabitant* (Routledge) is the product of several years of research of the family law of over ten Commonwealth Caribbean jurisdictions. It is the first and only legal text comprehensively to cover all the main substantive areas of spousal family law, including marriage, divorce,

financial support, property rights and domestic violence. As such it will be a valuable addition to our Commonwealth textbooks collection.

We are grateful to the following who have presented books to the Library recently: Master Cryan for *The law of judicial precedent* by Bryan A. Garner and others; Master Roger Stewart (co-editor) for *Jackson & Powell on professional liability*, 8th edition; Master Goodman for his own *Effective mediation* advocacy, 3rd edition; and Frances Kirkman for *The constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*.

A list of [new law titles and editions](#) received from October to December is available on our website.