



NEWSLETTER

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Summer Opening Hours

Summer opening hours begin on Monday 31 July.

The Library will be closed from 14-28 August inclusive so that general maintenance work may be carried out.

During the first half of the months of August and September the Library will open at 9.00 a.m. and close at 5.30 p.m. Late opening will resume on Monday 18 September.

[This timetable](#) gives details of the summer opening hours for all four Inn Libraries.

There is no Saturday opening during August and most of September. Saturday opening will resume on 23 September at the Inner Temple.

Project Pegasus Latest

At its July meeting the City of London's Planning and Transportation Committee resolved by 14 votes to 12 to give planning consent to the Inn's Project Pegasus planning application.

The Project allows for the creation of a third and fourth floor in the Treasury Building and Hall to house an educational centre with training rooms, an auditorium and offices.

The plans preserve the use of seven of the existing rooms (Rooms A-G) on the main floor of the Library but not the Library Gallery (which becomes part of the new third floor) or Rooms H (Textbooks) and J (Legislation). A book storage room in the basement will be provided to house some of the material displaced from the Gallery. The remaining books will be rehoused in the basement of the Littleton Building (3 King's Bench Walk North).

Work on identifying the alternative facilities needed to run the Inn during the construction phase, estimated to start early in 2019, will be intensified now that the planning application has been approved. This will include the provision of a temporary library service.



View of proposed Library interior - Room C

Welcome to New Students

The Library is involved in a series of events in the autumn for the benefit of new BPTC students.

Tours

The Library will be hosting tours for BPTC students from **Monday 11 September to Friday 22 September 2017 from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

Tours take about 15 minutes; there is no need to book in advance. Just come in and speak to a member of staff at the Enquiry Point.

We are happy to give Library tours at any time throughout the year to students who are unable to visit during the period advertised above.

Open Afternoon

On **27 September** students are invited to an open afternoon at the Library.

The event will last from **1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.** and will begin in the **Lawson Room**, which is on the first floor just below the Library.

Attendees will be welcomed by Library staff who will explain about the services on offer to students and how the Library is arranged.

The afternoon will include tours, demonstrations of the databases and our web-based services. There will be an orientation quiz with a prize draw for those who complete it. All attendees will receive a tote bag containing an assortment of free gifts.

Introductory Evenings

On **26 September** and **6 October** the Deputy Librarian will be attending the Inn's introductory evenings for new students and will be happy to answer any questions about the Library and what it can offer.

Freshers' Events

Members of staff from the libraries of Inner Temple, Lincoln's Inn and Middle Temple will be attending freshers' events at the London Bar schools. This is a good opportunity to meet library staff and to ask questions about services. There will be a lucky dip and the chance to take home a variety of library merchandise and gifts from the electronic publishers.

Qualifying Sessions

The Library will again be offering legal research training as a qualifying session in the autumn. The session will be a basic introduction to legal research and will help prepare students as they move from the academic to the vocational stage of their careers.

The training session 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**. Booking should be made via the [Inn's website](#).

Plans are already being made to run a second qualifying session in May 2018. This will be a more advanced legal research training session.



The Deputy Librarian speaking at one of the sessions in 2016

The Lesser-Known Superpower: Legal Research

Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes

On 25 June I gave a presentation at the Inn's Q&A Day. The talk looked at the importance of being able to undertake effective legal research and at some of the key things to consider when starting a research task. A superhero theme was chosen in the hope that this would make the talk interesting and engaging for the mixed audience of undergraduates and sixth form students. Also, I very much enjoy a superhero film and thought it would be a fun way to present what might seem a rather dry topic.



Some of the points covered included: the importance of planning and of keeping a research trail; the need to understand the legal issues in a research question; using a range of databases instead of relying on just one, and keeping up to date. The necessity of finding authoritative resources both online and in hard copy was looked at in detail, and discussion of this included hints on how to spot the tell-tale signs of dubious sources. Another vital section emphasised the need to be able to use hard copy material because not everything can be found online.

The final part reminded the audience that law libraries are essential for anyone pursuing a legal career, and emphasised in particular how the collections and expertise of library staff at the Inns of Court will be invaluable to aspiring and practising barristers.

Feedback from the session was very encouraging: 98% of attendees rated the day either Excellent or Good, and the session was described as “brilliant” and “elucidating and enlightening”.

This was the first time the Library had participated in this event and, given the feedback, we would hope to do so again. I enjoyed creating and presenting the talk and hope that the attendees will soon be unleashing their super legal research powers as they begin their legal careers.

Activities for Pupils

On **5 October 2017** the Library is running a training session on legal research for new pupils. This will be an overview identifying the essential points to remember when undertaking a research assignment.

The session will take place in the **Drawing Room** at the Inner Temple and will start at **6.00 p.m.**

To register for a place please email trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk

We will also be holding two lunchtime induction sessions for new pupils on **4 and 17 October** in the **Committee Room** at the Inner Temple at **1.00 p.m.** Library staff will explain the services available to pupils and how to make the most of the Library.

Refreshments will be provided, and participants will receive an Inner Temple Library tote bag containing free gifts.

Those wishing to attend can register for a place by emailing vparkinson@innertemple.org.uk

Law Courses & Lectures Online

We have curated a list of over 200 [free legal education resources](#), including MOOCs, courseware, lecture collections and podcasts, covering a range of topics and jurisdictions.

We are still adding to this list. If you have any suggestions for inclusion please contact smclaren@innertemple.org.uk

Wildy - BIALL Award

Last month three members of the library team attended a very enjoyable and informative [BIALL](#) Conference in Manchester where the award for Wildy – BIALL Librarian of the Year 2017 was presented to Margaret Clay, Librarian at the Inner Temple. The award is given for making a “significant contribution to the legal information world”.



The Librarian with Sandra Smythe, President of BIALL, and Abbie Sinkins of Wildy & Son

Transcripts Guide NEW

A new edition of the Inner Temple Library’s guide to sources of transcripts, last revised in 2011, will be available soon as a PDF document.

The guide is intended primarily for libraries and information service staff who may need to obtain, or assist others to obtain, transcripts of proceedings in the courts and tribunals of England and Wales.

While the basic arrangement is unchanged in this new edition, all existing entries have been checked and brought up to date, new courts and tribunals created since 2011 have been added, both the content and the layout of entries have been enhanced, and general information provided in the introduction and the appendices has been significantly expanded. Changes introduced last month to HM Courts and Tribunals Service’s transcription service are fully covered.

In most cases the service providers included in the guide were consulted directly in order to ensure that the information given about their services is as accurate as possible.

Profiles

More profiles of members of the Inns have recently been added to the [Publications](#) section of our website. These include [Ivy Williams](#), [Henry Hallam](#) and [Otto Kahn-Freund](#).

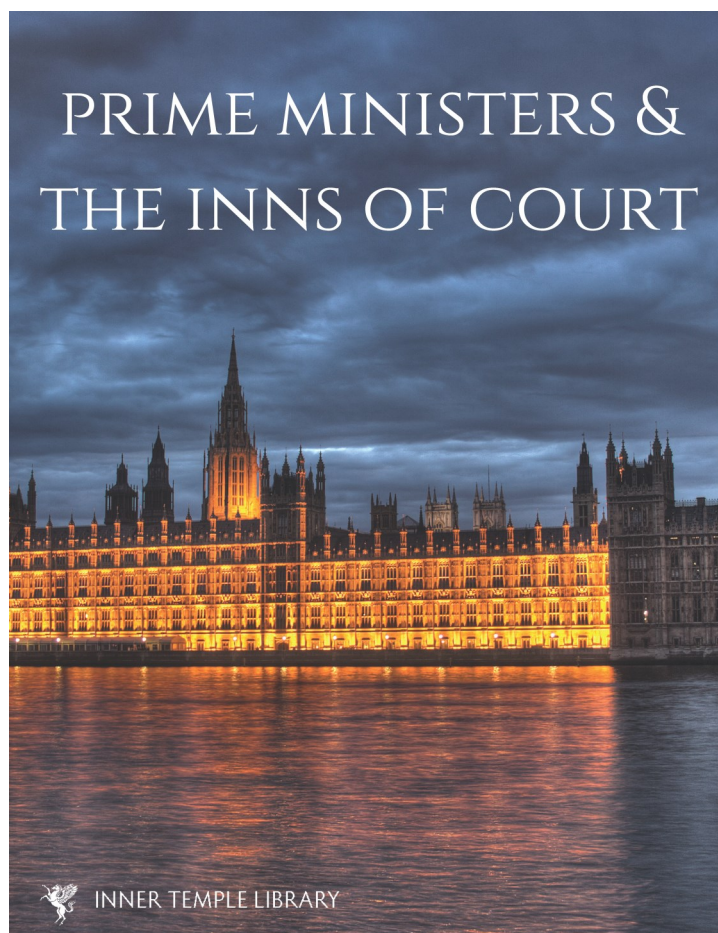
To mark the general election in June we produced a leaflet on past [Prime Ministers connected with the Inns of Court](#); this can also be viewed via the website.



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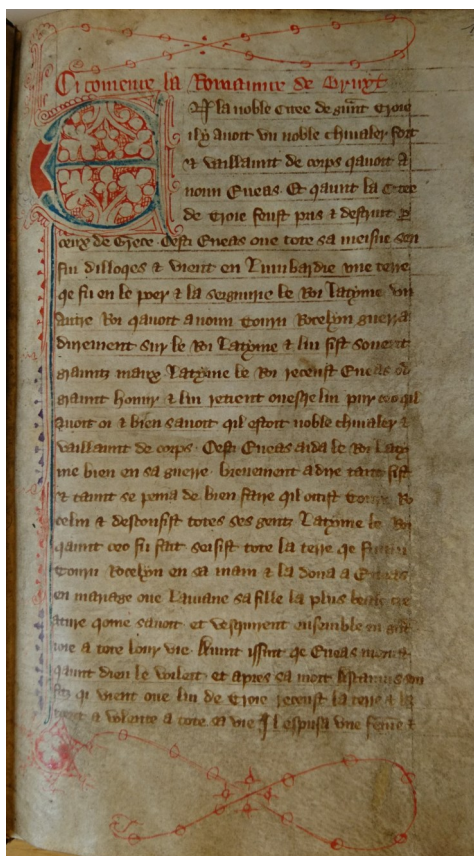
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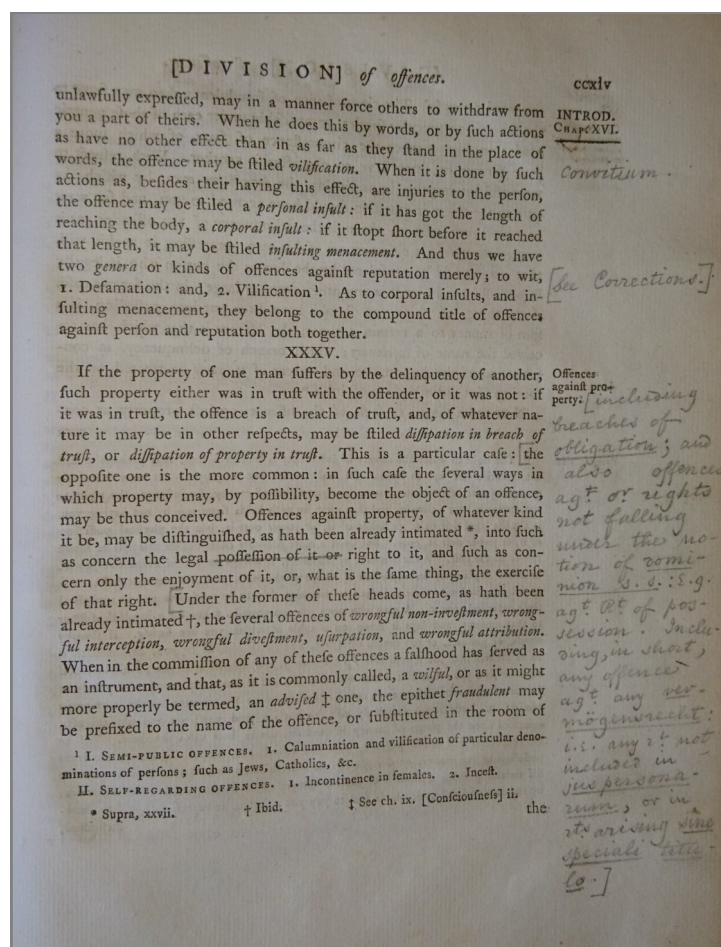
Manuscript Marginalia

We thought we would start an irregular series of short features on manuscript research projects involving items in the Inn's collection. Although we welcome a steady stream of visiting scholars from around the world (the United States and Japan, to mention only two of the most recent) to study manuscript material, this is an aspect of our work which goes largely unnoticed, even by some of the Library staff.

Last month we were pleased to note the publication of Julia Marvin's study of the manuscript culture of late medieval England, *The construction of vernacular history in the Anglo-Norman prose Brut chronicle* (York Medieval Press). The Inn's copy of the Prose Brut Chronicle, Petyt MS.511.19, is among the key sources discussed in the book, and it features prominently in the illustrations. Dr Marvin states, in a message thanking us for our cooperation, that "[t]he Inner Temple *Brut* ended up playing a starring role in [the book], and I very much appreciate your allowing me to use the images."



Anglo-Norman prose Brut chronicle



Bentham annotated by Austin

A professor at Florida State University working on the influence of Jeremy Bentham on the work of the legal philosopher John Austin (called to the bar, Inner Temple, 1818) was recently alerted by the catalogue of the National Archives to the fact that we have some of Austin's annotations to Jeremy Bentham's work in our manuscript collection. The item in question is Misc. MS. 200, a copy of the first edition of *Bentham's Introduction to the principles of morals and legislation* (1789) with Austin's marginal notes. The researcher wrote: "Marginal notes sound quite good for my purposes, as I'm trying to discern if Bentham shared his unpublished work on sexuality with Austin, and such personal notes might provide clues." The volume's title page bears the signatures of Bentham himself and of one "J. Mill": not the philosopher John Stuart Mill, but Bentham's collaborator and editor, James Mill.

AccessToLaw: Media Law

It is almost five years now since Lord Justice Leveson published the report of his inquiry into the culture, practice and ethics of the British press. There had originally been plans for a second inquiry, intended to investigate corrupt dealings between the press and the police, but it had been in doubt for some time, and was finally abandoned only recently, by the Conservative Party in its manifesto for last month's general election.

The **Leveson Inquiry** is one of eleven entries which currently make up the [Media Law](#) section of [AccessToLaw](#). The inquiry's report was published in November 2012 and is available on the GOV.UK portal site, but the link we provide is rather to the archived site of the inquiry itself, where not only the report but transcripts of hearings, evidence and other documents are also available.

Several other entries in this section are concerned with regulation of the press and other media. The **Independent Press Standards Organisation** (IPSO) has been the independent regulator for the newspaper and magazine industry in the UK since September 2014. Information on its website includes the Editors' Code of Practice which it is charged with enforcing.

The former press regulator which IPSO replaced was the **Press Complaints Commission** (PCC). Although much of its website content was removed when the PCC closed, the site is being maintained for a period so as to provide a record of its rulings from 1996 to 2014.

The long-established independent regulator and competition authority for the broadcasting and telecommunications industries in the UK is **Ofcom**. New responsibilities taken on in recent years include regulation of the UK's postal services since October 2011, and of the BBC since April this year. Site content includes some documents of the "legacy regulators" such as Ofcom which Ofcom replaced upon its creation in 2003.

Advertising across all UK media is regulated by the Advertising Standards Authority, which applies the

advertising codes written by the Committee of Advertising Practice. Earlier this year their formerly separate websites were merged to form the single site **ASA and CAP**. This now therefore provides a convenient single location for accessing both the CAP's codes and the ASA's recent rulings.

Entertainment and Sports Law Journal is an online journal, focusing of course on those two topics but with a broad remit that also includes intellectual property and media law.

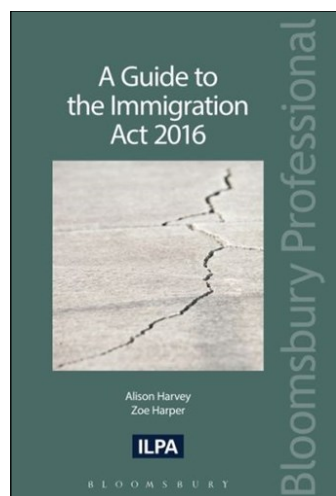
Harbottle & Lewis is a London law firm specialising in media, entertainment and sports law. Its website has in-house articles, news items and occasional eBulletins on these and other topics. Another London firm specialising in the media and entertainment sectors is **Simkins**. There are news articles on its site extending back to 2012.

Two sets of chambers are also included. **5RB** is a set based at 5 Raymond Buildings in Gray's Inn which specialises in media and communications law, entertainment law, sports law and related human rights law. Its site includes in-house articles and leading case reports and judgments, many of them involving 5RB's own members.

Another specialist set featuring articles and case notes is **One Brick Court**, whose practice areas are listed as "all aspects of media and information law, including defamation, privacy, confidence, contempt of court, reporting restrictions, freedom of information and data protection".

The final entry concerns a famous libel case in which two barristers of One Brick Court (both of them incidentally members of the Inner Temple) appeared for the plaintiffs. The so-called **McLibel Trial**, in which McDonald's sued two environmental activists for distributing an allegedly libellous pamphlet, became the longest-running civil trial in English legal history. We link to a section of the McSpotlight website where the High Court judgment given in June 1997, court transcripts and other legal documents are reproduced.

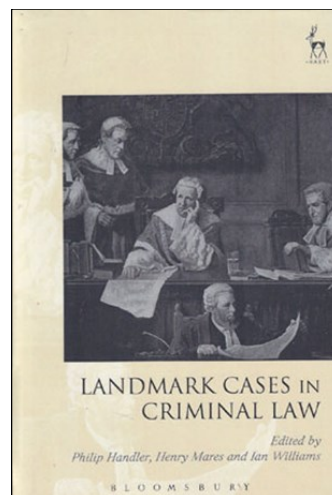
New Acquisitions



A Guide to the Immigration Act 2016 by Alison Harvey and Zoe Harper (Bloomsbury Professional) is produced in association with ILPA and provides a clear and straightforward explanation of the provisions of the Act, with relevant commentary following each section. The Government stated that its purpose in bringing forward this legislation

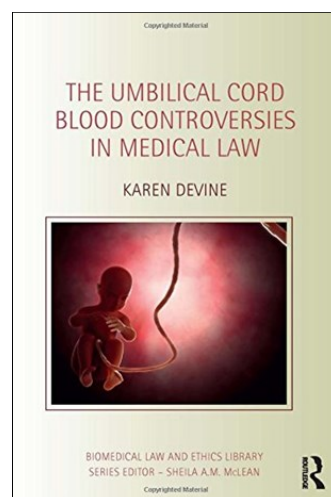
was to tackle illegal immigration by making it harder to live and work in the United Kingdom without permission. The Act not only makes changes to immigration law and practice but also extends immigration control into other areas such as housing, social welfare and employment to create the “hostile environment” envisaged. The authors’ approach is to summarise each provision of the Act and to set it within both its political and its legal context, providing full legal references as well identifying relevant guidance, supporting materials and statements from parliamentary debates.

Jeremy Horder, in *Homicide and the politics of law reform* (Oxford) asks, “What makes murder, murder?” How should we understand the difference between intentional and reckless killing? Should offenders be punished differently according to the perceived severity of their crime and when should they be excused? Using homicide as a starting point, Horder raises deeper questions of who is and should be responsible for making and changing the law. What role should there be for expert bodies, judges, and politicians? What role might there be for the general public? These are technical legal issues but ones which invoke strong emotional responses. By examining these questions, the author (who served on the Law Commission for five years) offers an insider’s view into the processes of achieving law reform and expresses criticism of a system that excludes the vast majority of people from consultation on reform of the laws that govern them.



In *Landmark cases in criminal law*, edited by Philip Handler, Henry Mares and Ian Williams (Hart), expert authors place leading cases in criminal law in their historical and legal contexts, highlighting their significance both in the past and for the present. The cases range from the fifteenth to the twenty-first century. Many of

them are well known to modern criminal lawyers and students; others are overlooked landmarks that deserve reconsideration. The essays, often based on extensive and original archival research, range over a wide spectrum of criminal law, covering procedure and doctrine, statute and common law, individual offences and general principles.



Dr Karen Devine’s *The umbilical cord blood controversies in medical law* (Routledge) explores the legal and ethical dilemmas that arise from the procurement, storage and use of stem cells derived from the umbilical cord of new-born infants. The author traces the emergence of umbilical cord blood (UCB) as a biological resource of

potential therapeutic value, and introduces the medical researchers, practitioners and patients who fought to prove its worth. Dr Devine examines the perceived risks and rewards of the collection and storage process, and maps the national and international regulatory framework within which cord blood use currently operates. She also exposes the dichotomy that exists between public and private cord blood banking systems and potential ownership rights to cells, and explores alternative methods of cell production that offer a comparable utility.

New Acquisitions cont.

We would like to thank the following authors and contributors who have presented new titles or new editions to the Library in recent months: Master Reynolds for *Carver on bills of lading*, 4th edition; Master Dias for *Carver on charterparties*; Anthony Radevsky for *Tenants' right of first refusal*; and Benjamin Vincent for *Civil and Jewish divorce: a guide*.

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

Sexual Offences Act, 1967

Fifty years ago, on 27 July 1967, the Sexual Offences Act received Royal Assent; it was responsible for the partial decriminalisation of homosexual acts between men in England and Wales. To commemorate this anniversary, we have produced a display on the subject, which is currently on view in the Library foyer. A PDF of the display's [accompanying leaflet](#) is available on the Publications section of the Library website.

The Act decriminalised homosexual acts carried out in private (this did not cover hotels, guest houses or acts involving more than two people) between men over the age of 21; the age of consent for sex between men and women in England and Wales was 16. Before the passage of the Act, the penalty for sexual intercourse between men was imprisonment of at least ten years. Although this was abolished, some penalties for related offences became harsher; a man found guilty of gross indecency with a male partner aged 16-21 faced a maximum of five years' imprisonment rather than the earlier two. Men could still be arrested for soliciting or importuning other men for sex. However, despite the many difficulties still facing gay men, public opinion softened: homosexual activity between men was decriminalised in Scotland and Northern Ireland in the 1980s; Chris Smith and Waheed Alli became the first openly gay members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords (in 1984 and 1998 respectively); and, this year, the Policing and Crime Act included a provision pardoning men with historic convictions for homosexual acts which are no longer criminal offences.

Visitors

Recent visitors have included graduate trainees from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, a new member of staff from Middle Temple Library, a group of librarians from BPP Law School, and a student from University College London on a placement at Lincoln's Inn Library.

Since our last newsletter we have also carried out twelve tours of the Library for groups and individual prospective new members.



Graduate trainees from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library



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