



NEWSLETTER

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Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries is open from 10am to 5pm on each Saturday during the legal terms.

May	
5 May	Lincoln's Inn
12 May	Middle Temple
19 May	Gray's Inn
26 May	CLOSED
June	
2 June	Inner Temple

This timetable gives details of the Saturday opening hours of all four Inn Libraries.

BLC Project Pegasus Survey

The Inn's Bar Liaison Committee has asked us to make you aware that it is conducting a survey of members of Hall to ask for their views about whether Project Pegasus should be implemented in its current form. All members of Hall will receive an email with a link to the survey.

The survey will be open until **28 May**. The responses will then be evaluated by a BLC working group. The full Bar Liaison Committee will then discuss Project Pegasus, taking into account the responses received, and will submit a report of its views to the Inn's Benchers in time for the discussion of, and further vote on, the project at Bench Table.

Overnight Loans

We would like to remind library users that we operate an overnight loans scheme which allows barrister members or tenants of the Inner Temple, and barristers from chambers within (or in the vicinity of) any of the four Inns, to borrow up to two monographs from the legal collections 30 minutes before closing time.

Books have to be returned by 9.30am on the next day that the Library is open.

Non-law books may also be borrowed by Inner Temple barristers and students based in London and by Inner Temple tenants. The loan period is 3 weeks.

Full details of both schemes are available at the **Enquiry Point**.

The Library - books...and more

Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes

To the casual observer it might appear that the Inner Temple Library is a throwback to the 1950s or 1960s when libraries were mainly depositories of books and library staff played an essentially curatorial role. But the Inner Temple Library in 2018 is much more than that. The Library has moved with the times and strives to meet the information needs of twenty-first century barristers.

Within the Library we provide free access to a full range of legal subscription databases, including Lexis Library, Westlaw, Justis and Lawtel. In addition we subscribe to more specialist databases such as Criminal Law Week, Electronic Immigration Network, Kemp on Lawtel and a number of Caribbean databases. Library staff can offer advice on which database to use to find the material required and how to navigate round the different databases. Our legal research training courses also help users to use the subscription databases more effectively.

We are well aware that the suppliers' restrictions on providing remote access to legal databases is frustrating for many members. With that in mind, we have set up our own free online services that can help with research and with keeping abreast of legal developments.

AccessToLaw is our gateway site, which provides annotated links to selected UK, Commonwealth and worldwide free legal web sites. Over 1,300 sites are currently included and these have been carefully checked by Library staff to ensure that the resources are reliable and can be used with confidence.

Our **Current Awareness blog**, now in its twelfth year, is acknowledged as one of the leading current awareness services in the legal sector. This free blog covers articles from newspapers and journals, blogs from leading chambers and law firms, press releases from government departments as well as recent decisions from the High Court and above, and new legislation. *The Times* judged it "an extremely useful digest of latest resolutions and legal news stories from around the web, updated regularly". This recommendation, and our thousands of followers on Twitter, show how useful a service this is.

We understand that in today's fast-paced world, barristers require materials at the last minute and often at times when they cannot visit the Library in person. Our **document supply service** is fast, reliable and inexpensive. We aim to turn around requests as quickly as possible. We have many repeat users of the service and this comment from a barrister member is typical of the feedback we receive: "We had been looking everywhere for this!"

Another barrister observes that "the efficiency with which this service is provided is exemplary."

One of the most important assets of any library is its staff. We have a team of experienced and knowledgeable law librarians who will always do their utmost to assist library users. In the words of a pupil barrister, "When I need to research an unfamiliar area of law the librarians are the first port of call to find out the key practitioners' texts, relevant law reports and online databases to gain all the information I need." This assistance is not limited to those who can visit the Library in person. We will respond to phone calls and emails in the same way as we would a face- to-face enquiry: with professionalism and attention to detail.

None of the foregoing detracts from the importance of the physical collections. As one commentator has put it, "The libraries of the Inns maintain some of the few great collections of books on foreign and international law in Britain and Ireland, as well as magnificent collections on English law."^{*} The Inner Temple has at its heart a magnificent law library which has been and continues to be of great importance to bar students, pupils, barristers, and judges at all levels. Our hard copy collections, which include both current and superseded works, are in daily use and of immense value to those in the legal profession. Not all legal information is available online (especially when it is no longer current and thereby largely ceases to be of commercial interest) and it is not possible for barristers to rely solely on online research. Subscriptions to the online databases would not be sufficient to meet all the requirements of a modern lawyer. We do provide online access to legal materials and we have set up our own online services but the importance of the printed collections should not be forgotten and they should be seen as a valuable asset to the Inn. Our Library amply demonstrates how traditional materials and online resources can combine to make an outstanding information resource for the benefit of members and tenants.

^{*}Jules Winterton, *BIALL handbook of information management*. 2nd ed. 2014

Online Resources

AccessToLaw - www.accesstolaw.com

Current Awareness blog - www.innertemplelibrary.com

Library Website - www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk

Enquiries

Telephone - 020 7797 8217

Email - library@innertemple.org.uk

Document Supply Service

Email - documentsupply@innertemple.org.uk

Recent Enquiries

A number of enquiries we have dealt with since the last newsletter demonstrate the complementarity of printed and digital resources, and underline the importance of having supposedly “superseded” material close to hand and easily accessible.

Firstly, a barrister who needed to track a reference in the 4th edition of *Halsbury's Laws* and find the equivalent passage in the more recent 5th edition. We used the hard copy of the 4th edition (currently housed in the Library gallery) to ascertain the exact words used and were then able to locate it in the 5th edition. The barrister replied “That's twice this week I've been saved by the librarians!”

A user who was appearing in the Supreme Court produced an authority from the *South African Law Reports* of which much of the text was in Afrikaans. We were able to trace an English translation, prompting the response, “This is incredibly helpful.”

We were asked to find an unreported tax tribunal decision. We found it on BAILII and the user said “I spent hours searching the databases and forgot to check BAILII”.

Finally, a barrister was looking for information about magistrates' court procedure in the early 1980s. This could not be found online but the old editions of *Stone's Justices Manual* and other textbooks gave the enquirer what he needed. “I really appreciated your very efficient help!” was his response.

London Legal Walk

On Monday 21 May the Inner Temple team are walking with the Lord Chief Justice and thousands of lawyers to raise funds for the London Legal Support Trust which funds Law Centres and pro bono agencies in and around London.

These agencies do a fantastic job in preventing homelessness, resolving debt problems, gaining care for the elderly and disabled and fighting exploitation.

If you would like to sponsor the Inn's team, donations can be made via their [Virgin Money Giving](#) page.

Qualifying Session: Moving on with Legal Research

On 12 May 2018 members of the Library team will be hosting a qualifying session on legal research. This is a more advanced session carrying on from those held last autumn.

We will be covering topics that are essential for students as they progress towards pupillage. We intend to look in more detail at researching cases and legislation and will cover such matters as tracking the judicial history of a case and finding historic versions of legislation. In addition we will consider how to locate pre-legislative materials and parliamentary debates as well as discussing the main sources for finding precedents.

Booking a place can be done by contacting David Miller dmiller@innertemple.org.uk.

Legal Research Training in January and April 2018

In January members of the Library team ran a legal research training session for pupils who had not been able to attend the session held last autumn.

The session aimed to cover topics that pupils should be aware of as they start pupillage, so among other things we looked at tracking the judicial history of a case, understanding the hierarchy of citations, deciphering neutral citations, finding current and historic versions of legislation and keeping up to date.

The participants were very positive in their feedback, describing the trainers as “very knowledgeable and engaging” and the content as “very good” and “all useful”.

Another session was held on 19 April for the latest intake of pupils. Feedback was again very positive; the trainers were judged to be “very knowledgeable and genuinely passionate about their subject”.

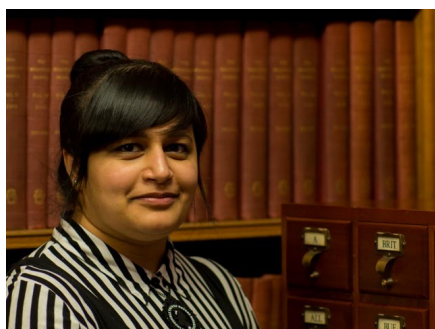
Training sessions for pupils are organised several times a year. We can also provide one-to-one training for those who cannot attend the main sessions.

Please contact tdennis@innertemple.org.uk with enquiries about training



First Impressions

Uzma Ali, Library Assistant, writes



I was delighted to join the Inner Temple library team in February as a full-time Library Assistant. I am a qualified librarian, having completed my postgraduate studies in summer 2017. I was keen to

develop my career in the legal information sector after spending two years working as an information assistant at BPP University in Manchester as well as completing work experience in libraries with special collections and rare books, so the role at Inner Temple Library seemed an ideal opportunity.

The library is a wondrous place to work with its vast collection of legal resources in both digital and hard copy. Being used to an academic environment I am more familiar with the digital aspect of legal research having mostly dealt with undergraduate, GDL and LPC students. It is only since I began working here with barristers, pupils and bar students that I have seen the real importance of having access to hard copy materials, both current and superseded. Recently we received a request for Inland Revenue press releases dating back to 1991, and neither the HMRC nor the gov.uk websites had an archive containing these items. Nevertheless we were able to locate the press cuttings in an old edition of the *British Tax Encyclopedia* which we hold in the Littleton basement.

Even after just a short time at the Library, it is clear to me that a modern barrister requires access to both hard copy and electronic resources and that it would be impossible for anyone to undertake effective research by relying on electronic resources alone.

My training so far has allowed me to engage in a range of complex legal research enquiries, and I relish the challenges this involves. The feedback we get from the library users illustrates the important role of the library within the Inn and the wider legal community.

The staff have played a significant part in helping me settle into my role, welcoming me into the team and allowing me to draw on the wealth of knowledge they have gained over their years at the Library. It is a pleasure to work with such highly qualified and knowledgeable information professionals.

I look forward to developing my career here at the Inner Temple Library.

Visitors

Recent visitors to the Library have included three lawyers from the USA and the new graduate trainee from Gray's Inn Library. In collaboration with the Education & Training Department we have also carried out a number of tours of the Library for prospective members of the Inn and given a talk on library services to Spanish university students.



Gray's Inn Library Graduate Trainee, Ellie Binnie

BAILII User Survey



BAILII (the British and Irish Legal Information Institute) is a sophisticated searchable database of online primary legal resources, which is updated daily and is free of charge. It has made a huge contribution to freeing the law for students, lawyers, educators and the general public, and is

increasingly important in difficult financial climates as an alternative to expensive commercial databases.

Please take a few moments to complete **BAILII's user survey** which is running until mid-May. The responses will be used to help the providers understand who their users are, what they want from BAILII, what they like and dislike, and how the service can be improved to meet users' needs.

AccessToLaw: Local Government

With May's local council elections in England taking place today, and recently issued 2018/19 council tax bills perhaps still fresh in some minds, we take a look in this issue at the section of **AccessToLaw** devoted to **Local Government**.

Of the sixteen entries which currently make up this section, as many as half relate in one way or another to the handling of complaints, either about local council services or about the ethical codes with which councillors are required to comply. The main reason for this number is the fact that these are devolved matters, administered separately in each of the four territories of the United Kingdom.

To begin at the head of the alphabetically-arranged entries, the **Adjudication Panel for Wales** is an independent tribunal whose function is to determine alleged breaches by members of local authorities in Wales of their authority's statutory code of conduct. Some of the cases it deals with are referred to it by the **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**, whose remit covers complaints about local authorities and other public bodies in Wales.

The equivalent body in England is the **Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman**, in Northern Ireland the **Northern Ireland Ombudsman**, and in Scotland the **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman**. All of their sites have details of complaints procedures, investigation reports, decisions and other information.

Two other bodies in Scotland which play a role in the maintenance of standards there are the **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland**, who investigates written complaints about councillors and others, and the **Standards Commission for Scotland**, whose main role is the promotion and enforcement of codes of conduct.

Regional variation also accounts for three entries relating to local authority boundaries. The **Local Government Boundary Commission for England** conducts reviews of local authority electoral arrangements and can also conduct reviews of the structure of local government and the external boundaries of local authorities. Its website includes a database of local government orders, with links to texts wherever possible, extending back to 1973.

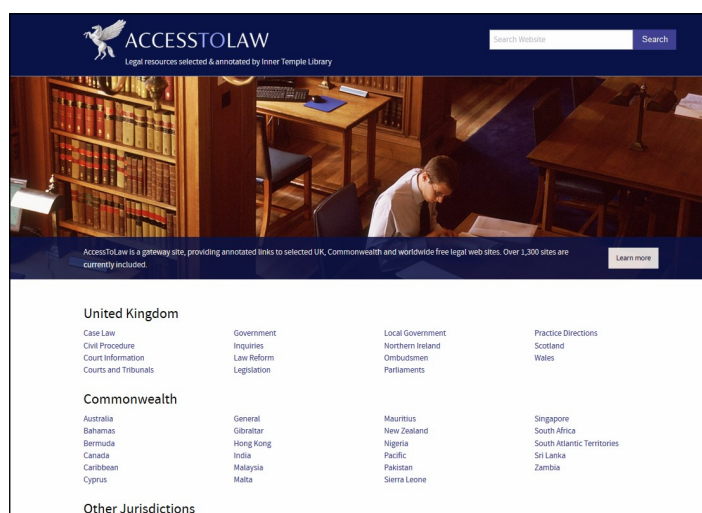
The equivalent body in Wales is the **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales**, and in Scotland the **Local Government Boundary Commission for**

Scotland. There is no equivalent body or website for Northern Ireland, where the matter is administered differently.

Two entries are for content on the government portal site GOV.UK. The first is for what was formerly known as the Department for Communities and Local Government, recently renamed the **Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government**. The other links directly to the GOV.UK page **Local Government: Byelaws**. Information there, which is provided by the Ministry, includes guidance for councils on making, amending and revoking byelaws; a set of model byelaws which councils may adapt for their own needs; and information on how members of the public (not least among them lawyers and librarians) may view or obtain copies of local byelaws.

The **Local Government Information Unit** is an independent research and information organisation which is supported by over 150 councils and the local government trade unions. Much of its content is available only to subscribing member councils, but some is freely accessible, including press releases and a blog.

Membership of the **Local Government Association** comprises local councils in England and Wales as well as many fire authorities, national parks and others. Of particular note is the site's Parliament section, where content includes information on the association's lobbying work on ongoing legislation, and a series of legislation guides which summarise the impact of recent enacted legislation on local government, and the work of the association in influencing the legislation during its passage through Parliament.



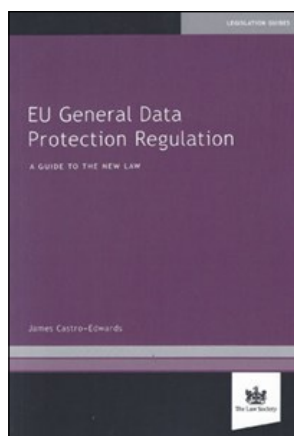
New Acquisitions

Firstly, we would like to thank the following authors, contributors and others who have presented new titles or editions to the Library in recent months: Her Honour Nasreen Pearce for *Change of name: the law and practice*, 4th edition; Gerard McMeel for *The law of personal property*, 2nd edition, by Michael Bridge and others; Patrick Goodall QC for *The law of privilege*, 2nd edition, edited by Bankim Thanki; James Plunkett for *The duty of care in negligence*; Stephen Clark (joint author with Sir Rupert Jackson) for *The reform of civil justice*, 2nd edition; and the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn for *An illustrated history of Gray's Inn* by David Barnard and Timothy Shuttleworth.



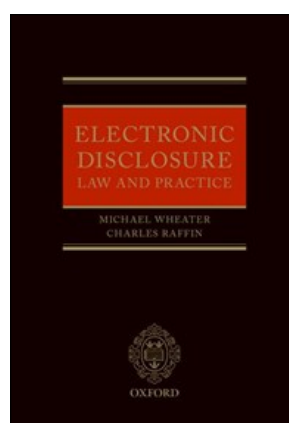
Online publication claims: a practical guide, edited by Hugh Tomlinson QC and Guy Vassal-Adams QC (Matrix Chambers) aims to provide a “road map” for what is an expanding but, for many, unfamiliar area of litigation. It deals with private tort claims in which claimants seek to assert their Article 8 ECHR rights to reputation or privacy in the courts of England and Wales, with particular

reference to defamation, harassment, breach of confidence, misuse of private information and data protection. The contributors address, among other matters, the use of online notice and takedown procedures as an alternative to bringing legal proceedings; the “right to be forgotten”; court procedures for identifying anonymous defendants; jurisdiction and choice of law; and the liability of internet intermediaries.



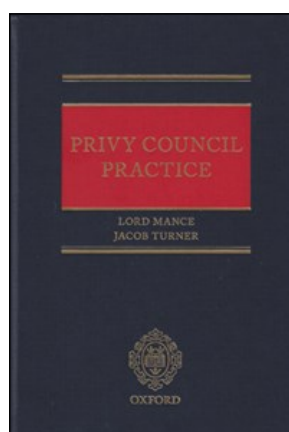
The much-heralded and much-discussed GDPR will be coming into operation within the next month, granting enhanced rights to data subjects and placing more onerous obligations upon data processing organisations. James Castro-Edwards's *EU General Data Protection Regulation: a guide to the new law* (Law Society) is a timely and concise guide to the new regime.

As the Information Commissioner writes in her preface, “If your organisation can't demonstrate that good data protection is a cornerstone of your business policy and practices, you're leaving your organisation open to enforcement action that can damage both public reputation and bank balance.”



Electronic disclosure: law and practice by Michael Wheeler and Charles Raffin (Oxford) offers in-depth analysis of the law and practice of e-Disclosure in an accessible and user-friendly format. Covering all aspects of e-Disclosure from domestic litigation to international arbitration, this work combines legal analysis with practical advice to guide practitioners through the stages of disclosure and

associated document production, from the identification of relevant documents, through the collection and preservation of electronic evidence, to the presentation of data, both before courts and in arbitration.



Lord Mance and Jacob Turner's *Privy Council practice* (Oxford) is the first work of its kind since the third edition of Bentwich's *Practice of the Privy Council in judicial matters*, published as long ago as 1937. It includes chapters on jurisdiction, conditions of appeal, precedent, and the Judicial Committee's role in interpreting constitutions as part of a workload which still ranges from death row criminal

cases to heavy commercial disputes. Importantly, the authors provide detailed commentary on the complex Rules and Practice Directions which underwent a significant overhaul in 2009, and for which no dedicated volume currently exists.

A list of **new law titles and editions** received from January to March is available on our website.

Women MPs Display

The Library marked International Women's Day by producing a collection of short profiles of female members of Parliament who have been responsible for introducing Private Members' Bills that have become law. The profiles can still be seen on the wooden panelling throughout the Library.

Duchess of Atholl



b. 1874 d. 1960

Scottish Unionist Party politician.

In Parliament 1923-1938

Introduced the bill that would result in the **Illegitimate Children (Scotland) Act 1930**

Jo Richardson



b. 1923 d. 1994

Labour politician.

In Parliament 1974-1994

Introduced the bill that would result in the **Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1976**

Debra Shipley



b. 1957

Labour politician.

In office 1997-2005

Introduced the bill that would result in the **Protection of Children Act 1999**

History Society Play

Just an Ordinary Lawyer

Tunji Sowande arrived in London from Nigeria in 1945 to study law and pursue his interest in music. He rose to become a well-respected barrister, the first black head of chambers, and finally the first (part-time) black judge in Britain.

In this play, written and performed by Tayo Aluko, Sowande muses on imperialism, colonialism and black people's struggles for freedom, justice and human rights, in Africa and the diaspora.

Time: Monday 21 May, 5.30pm for 6pm in the Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple, followed by Q&A and drinks reception.

Tickets: Members and the Public - £15.00

Book online or call the Treasury Office on 020 7797 8250.



History Society Lecture

John Wilkes Memorial Lecture

This lecture by Matthew Parris will mark the launch of the Farringdon Without Ward's John Wilkes Society.

Time: Monday 23 July, 5.30pm for 6pm at the Inner Temple, followed by a drinks reception.

Tickets: Members and the Public: £10.25 (IT Pupils and Students: Free)

Book online or call the Treasury Office on 020 7797 8250.