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Project Pegasus Update

The Inn has submitted a planning application for temporary structures, one in the Garden (to accommodate a temporary Hall and Treasury Building) and another in the Car Park (to accommodate a temporary Library and Offices building) to the City of London’s Planning Department. The application will be considered by the City’s Planning Committee at its September meeting.

It is planned that the Executive Committee will consider Project Pegasus and make its recommendation on the Project in October. Governing Benchers would discuss and vote on whether the project should proceed in its present form at a Bench Table meeting in December.

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

The current 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. Some of the remaining books will be rehoused in the basement of the Littleton Building (3 King’s Bench Walk North).

Summer Opening Hours

Summer opening hours begin on Monday 30 July.

During the first half of the months of August and September the Library will open at 9am and close at 5.30pm. Late opening will resume on Monday 17 September.

The Library will be closed from 20-31 August inclusive so that general maintenance work may be carried out. Middle Temple Library will be open during this period.

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 22 September at the Inner Temple.
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 17 September to Friday 28 September 2017 from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Tours take about 20 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 Afternoons

On 25 September students are invited to an open afternoon at the Library.

The event will last from 1pm to 5pm 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 of the Library and demonstrations of the databases and of our own 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.

Another open afternoon will take place on 5 October for the Inn’s students who are not based in London. The event will last from 1pm to 5pm and will begin in the Lawson Room.

Introductory Evenings

On 25 September and 5 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 the Inner Temple, Lincoln’s Inn and the 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. A variety of library merchandise and gifts from the electronic publishers will be on offer.

Qualifying Sessions

We will 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 training.

The session will be run twice as part of the Inn’s BPTC Advocacy Day on 22 September and once as a separate event on the evening of 10 October. Booking should be made via the Inn’s website.

A second, more advanced qualifying session on legal research will be held in the spring of 2019.

Any questions about tours or training should be sent to tdennis@innertemple.org.uk.

The Deputy Librarian speaking at one of the sessions in 2017
**BIALL Conference**

_Uzma Ali, Library Assistant, writes_

This year was my first time attending the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL) conference despite having worked in legal libraries for almost three years. I had high expectations as the colleagues I was accompanying have been longstanding members and attendees, have won awards in the past, and have relayed their many positive experiences over the months I have been a member of staff here.

The conference was extremely well organised and had a jam-packed schedule of plenary speakers, parallel sessions and lightning talks, as well as plentiful opportunities to network and socialise with colleagues from across the legal library world, both UK and overseas.

The two sessions that really stood out for me were both from day one of the conference, and covered topics that I have a particular interest in: open and equitable access to information, and information and digital literacy skills.

The first was the keynote from Daniel Hoadley of ICLR, “Mission Impossible? Perfecting Open Access to English Case Law”. Daniel’s talk emphasised the importance of making judgments more freely available to “the public”, in particular litigants in person who do not have access to the same resources and facilities for research as paid advocates, for instance subscription databases such as Westlaw and Lexis. Whilst we do have BAILII here in the UK, because of limitations of funding it does not come close to matching similar services overseas such as AustLII. Daniel also gave an overview of the processes involved in the way judgments are given, for instance the “psychopathic” decision to outsource the work of transcribing ex tempore judgments to six different transcription companies and the complications that accompany this. This was a great learning opportunity for me as I am still developing my knowledge of the legal world, legal research and the many and varied routes to accessing information.

The second session I found of great value was the one run by BPP University on digital literacy. The research they conducted showed that employers were concerned about the digital literacy of new staff, their ability to do legal research but in particular their ability to use everyday digital tools such as Microsoft Office and email. This research was used to inform a programme of sessions in the library, as well as the conference itself. I had the privilege of attending and assisting with the first digital literacy conference BPP ran in 2016, and was subsequently involved with some of the digital literacy work with students in Manchester.

It was great to see the progress they have made in this area, and to catch up with former colleagues in the process.

BPP have now delivered a second conference and are continuing to embed digital literacy throughout the library and curriculum provision, with the library playing an integral role in developing digitally literate legal professionals. The real take-away from this is that legal research training and provision for students, both digital and otherwise, should seek to meet the needs of the profession.

Here at the Inner Temple Library we seek to embed a similar ethos: the importance of meeting the real life day-to-day research needs of the library users underpins the work we do. The legal research sessions we create are based on genuine enquiries from students, pupils and barristers; feedback after the sessions; and input from pupils on the skills they felt were important for subsequent pupils to develop.

Overall the conference was a wonderful learning experience for me, and I have plenty of ideas to reflect on and develop in my future practice as a law librarian.

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**Bloomsbury Professional Online**

From mid-August onwards we will be subscribing to the Bloomsbury Professional Online Service which gives full text access to 176 textbooks, loose-leaves and journals in over 20 practice areas including company and commercial, employment, environment, family, personal injury, property and Scots law. The service will be available within the Library and we will also have a limited number of log-ins which will allow us to make the service available to Inner Temple barrister members by remote access. Priority will be given to members outside London who are unable to visit the Library in person.

Please email bloomsbury@innertemple.org.uk if you are interested in accessing this service remotely.
Transcripts Guide Reissue

We reissued our guide to sources of transcripts in June after carrying out some limited updating of the edition published in 2017. The latest versions of the HMCTS form EX107 and guidance notes (both of them recently amended and expanded) are now included; the procedure for obtaining transcripts of hearings at the Royal Courts of Justice and at some other London courts has been clarified; and some recent name changes affecting the High Court have been incorporated.

The guide, which is available as a 176 page PDF, includes new courts and tribunals created since 2011 as well as the changes made to HM Courts and Tribunals Service’s transcription service in 2017. In most cases the service providers included in the guide were consulted directly in order to ensure that the information given about their service is as accurate as possible.

Details on how to purchase the guide can be found on our website.

Manuscript Visitors

By coincidence, two recent visiting scholars – a professor at the City University of New York, and a doctoral candidate at Birmingham University – were drawn here by a particular interest in the volumes of 17th-century sermons (Petyt MSS 530 and 531), some of which were evidently presented to the Inn by Anne Sadleir, daughter of Lord Chief Justice Coke. The professor’s special focus was on a sermon dated 28 April 1626, “Israel and England paralleled”. This bears a dedication to Mrs Sadleir from the author, one Andrew Marvell: not the poet, alas, but his father.

Marvell’s dedication to Mrs Sadleir: Petyt Ms. 531 C

Another, who previously visited while preparing his Yale PhD dissertation on “The rivalry between law and literature in Elizabethan England”, came to renew acquaintance with Misc. Ms. 32, a volume on the antiquities of the Inner and Middle Temple.

Noble members of the Inn: Misc. Ms. 32

LexisPSL Survey

LexisNexis is carrying out a survey to find out more about how LexisPSL is used at the Inns of Court Libraries and would welcome feedback from pupils, barristers and students who have been using the service.
NHS - 70th Anniversary

The NHS celebrated its 70th anniversary on 5 July. To mark this occasion we put together a selection of key legal events and NHS milestones in a display which can be seen on the panelling throughout the Library. They are also available in a booklet format in the Library and on our website.

1945

CLEMENT ATTLEE

Former barrister and Inner Temple member Clement Attlee led the Labour party from 1935 to 1955, becoming Prime Minister in a landslide victory for Labour in 1945. Attlee’s administration oversaw much reform, including the introduction of the National Health Service.

1949

RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The creation of the NHS led to a greater demand for nursing staff. By 1949 this was becoming increasingly difficult to meet and the shortage of nurses was described as an “abiding anxiety” (House of Lords Debates, 3 May 1949).

In response the Government and the Royal College of Nursing launched an overseas recruitment drive. Thousands would answer the call, predominantly nurses from the Caribbean and Ireland. By 1965 35% of UK nurses had been born overseas.

The Royal College of Nursing acknowledged that foreign-born nurses “were often recruited into the least popular areas of health care [...] and not always offered the best training opportunities.”

1956

CLEAN AIR ACT

The Clean Air Act 1956 was a direct response to the “Great Smog” of 1952 which killed between 4,000 and 12,000 in what has since been acknowledged as a major environmental disaster. A significant rise in cases of influenza, pneumonia, respiratory and cardiac disease was reported in Greater London in December 1952.

The Clean Air Act sought to regulate both domestic and industrial smoke emissions, although it took many years for this to be fully implemented. Amended in 1968, the Act played an important role in improving air quality in urban areas, with deaths from respiratory disease declining by 34% between 1971 and 2003.

Pride 2018

We have updated our Pride Timeline, highlighting countries where Pride marches have become notable fixtures. A snapshot of the current legal situation in each country is included.
AccessToLaw: Shipping Law

The Shipping Law section of our AccessToLaw portal site comprises at present fourteen entries. Given the nature of the subject, it is not surprising that several of the entries relate to the roles and activities in this area of international organisations such as the United Nations. We begin with these.


International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is the website of the independent judicial body, based in Hamburg, which was set up by UNCLOS to adjudicate disputes concerning its interpretation or application. The site provides information on procedure before the tribunal, judgments and related documents, and details of pending cases.

The International Maritime Organization is an agency of the United Nations which is responsible for promoting maritime safety and preventing marine pollution by ships. There is a complete list of the conventions for which the IMO is responsible, with summaries, details of status and ratifications, and historical and other background information.

Comité Maritime International is an international non-governmental organisation whose aim is the unification of all aspects of maritime law. Site content includes information on the status of ratification of maritime conventions and a database containing summaries of decisions by national courts on the interpretation of maritime conventions. It is the body which periodically revises and publishes the York-Antwerp Rules, a codification of the international maritime law of general average.

AdmiraltyLaw.com is a site which focuses primarily on Canadian maritime and admiralty law. There are case summaries, and relevant Canadian statutes, but also links to maritime law sites, and some more general ones, from many other countries. Also based in Canada is the site of an informal international network of maritime and transportation lawyers known as Forwarderlaw.

This has articles, commentary and case notes relating to developments in the global logistics, freight forwarding and shipping industries.

The remaining entries are all for UK-based websites. Both Elborne Mitchell LLP and Ince & Co. are law firms headquartered in the City of London whose specialisms include shipping, trade and insurance, and whose sites feature extensive collections of articles on these topics. Another useful source, this one providing notes on recent shipping and insurance cases in the UK and other jurisdictions, is DMC, the website of barrister, maritime arbitrator and consultant David Martin-Clark.

The next three entries are for various sections of the government portal site GOV.UK. The Admiralty Court is the specialist court within the Queen’s Bench Division which deals with shipping and maritime disputes. Information here includes guidance, forms, daily cause lists and practice directions, and a link to Admiralty Court decisions on the BAILII site.

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency, an agency of the Department for Transport, is responsible for implementing British and international maritime safety policy and preventing coastal pollution. Among the information and guidance provided here there is a section devoted to wreck and salvage law.

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch was formed in 1989 following the 1987 Herald of Free Enterprise disaster. It examines and investigates all types of marine accidents involving UK vessels worldwide, and all vessels in UK territorial waters. All of its published investigation reports to date are available. We also provide a link to the archived website of an inquiry into a major maritime disaster which occurred several years earlier than 1987 (in 1974), that of the Fishing Vessel FV-GAUL.

The final entry brings us close to home, to the River Thames which flows a short distance from the Inner Temple Library. The Port of London Authority manages a range of responsibilities along the tidal Thames, from Teddington Lock down to the estuary, and legal content on its website includes primary legislation, byelaws, rules and regulations, codes of practice and guidance documents.
Jeremy Horder, in *Criminal misconduct in office* (Oxford monographs in criminal law and justice: OUP), asks why political misconduct has not been more effectively combatted to date and how it should be tackled in future. Horder considers whether it is appropriate to equate the offence of misconduct in public office with personal corruption in politics, and advocates broader remedies for corruption, setting out the circumstances in which it may be better to prevent corruption or seek restitution of benefits wrongly received, rather than using the criminal law to punish wrongdoing.

*The Digital estate* by Leigh Sagar (Sweet & Maxwell) offers guidance on the administration of digital assets. The author provides an analysis of the rights and liabilities associated with digital information passing from, to and through computing and other devices owned or controlled by fiduciaries, including trustees, personal representatives, lasting and other attorneys, partners and company directors. Sagar offers solutions to the problems that the individual and his or her personal representatives may face in securing succession to assets and safe transmission of information that may be at risk of being deleted, locked or lost. He also guides the practitioner through pre-death preventative measures relating to wills.

The specialist title *Surrogacy law, practice and policy in England and Wales*, by Ruth Cabeza and others (LexisNexis) sets out the law and procedure relating to assisted reproduction and surrogacy in a practical and accessible format, whilst including, where appropriate, detailed analysis and examples.

Its aim is to enable the reader to identify who the parents of a child are when the child is born; who has parental responsibility for the child; and how a person who does not automatically share parental responsibility with the mother can apply for it. The authors also set out how legal parenthood can be transferred by agreement from the legal parents at birth to new parents by way of a parental order. This work also explains the particular complications that arise when a child is born as a consequence of a commercial surrogacy lawfully undertaken overseas, and there is a chapter dedicated to unravelling the immigration rules that apply when intending parents wish to bring their child into the UK following a foreign surrogacy.

As well as considering how to read statutory language, and the key presumptions that the courts will apply, David Lowe and Charlie Potter’s *Understanding legislation* (Hart) addresses how other legislation and materials can influence the interpretative exercise and in what way. To this end, the authors discuss the interpretative significance of the different components of legislation, the various external aids to construction that may exist, and the role of international law, EU law and the European Convention on Human Rights (through the Human Rights Act 1998) in interpreting domestic law. While the primary focus is on English law, the treatment of EU and international law also serves as a short freestanding guide to the construction of EU instruments and treaties.

Thanks are due to the following who have presented new titles or editions to the Library recently: Master Goodman for *How judges decide cases*, 2nd edition; Master Collins for *Dicey, Morris and Collins on the conflict of laws*, 4th supplement to the 15th edition; Master Slade for *Tolley’s employment handbook*, 32nd edition; Master Humphries for *National infrastructure planning handbook 2018*; and Ismail Mehta for *The Secret Barrister: stories of the law and how it’s broken*.

A list of new law titles and editions received from April to June is available on our website.