# NEWSLETTER

#### Newsletter of The Inner Temple Library

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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.

#### October

27 October

#### Lincoln's Inn

#### November

3 November	Middle Temple
10 November	Gray's Inn
17 November	Inner Temple
24 November	Lincoln's Inn

This timetable gives details of the Saturday opening hours of all four Inn Libraries up to the end of the year.

# Manuscript Display

There will be a rare opportunity for members and staff of the four Inns to see items from our manuscript and rare books collections, which will be on display in the Library on **Wednesday 7 November from 2.30pm to 5pm**, the afternoon of Grand Day.

Please note that the Library will be unavailable for research during that afternoon and evening.



Walter Hilton's Scala Perfectionis, 15th century

# **LexisNexis Drop-In Session**

Kathryn Strachan, a product expert from LexisNexis, will be available in the Lawson Room (on the first floor below the Library) on Wednesday 24 October between 11.30am and 2pm to demonstrate Lexis Library and Lexis PSL and to deal with queries on a "drop-in" basis.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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### A Reminder About Remote Access

We now subscribe to the Bloomsbury Professional Online Service which gives full text access to nearly 180 textbooks, loose-leafs and journals in over 20 practice areas including company and commercial, employment, environment, family, personal injury, property and Scots law. The service is available within the Library and we also have a limited number of log-ins which allow us to make the service available to Inner Temple barrister members by remote access. Priority is being 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.

# **Black History Month 2018**

October is Black History Month and to mark the occasion we have put together over 90 profiles of prominent members of the Inns of Court from across the globe. The profiles are now on display around the Library.





#### C. M. G. Argwings Kodhek

(1923-1969) Adm Ll; Call 1951 First practising African lawyer in Kenya (1952); Founded Nairobi District African Congress (1956); Defence counsel for the majority of Mau Mau cases, leading to his disbarment (1957); Elected to the Legislative Council (1961); Elected to Independent Kenya's National Assembly (1963); Minister for Foreign Affairs (1968)

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE INNS OF COURT



#### Darcus Howe

(1943-2017) Adm MT

Activist, journalist and broadcaster; Successfully represented himself and co-defendants in Mangrove Nine trial (1970); Organised Black People's Day of Action March in

People's Day of Action March in protest of police handling of New Cross fire investigation (1981)

B:M 360

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE INNS OF COURT** 



# Outreach to New BPTC Students

September and October have been busy months for the Library as we welcome new students.

The Deputy Librarian attended both of the Inn's introductory evenings and took part in the panel sessions as well as attending the reception that followed and talking to new students about how the Library can help them wherever they are based.



Introductory Evening

Library staff, along with colleagues from Lincoln's Inn and Middle Temple, attended fresher events at the City Law School and the University of Law. These events are always productive and provide an opportunity for students to meet Library staff in an informal way.



Fresher Fair at City Law School

We ran two open afternoons for Inner Temple students on 25 September and 5 October. Attendance was encouraging and Library staff were able to chat to students about Library services and offer tours of the Library.



**Open Afternoon for London Students** 

Representatives from the four Inn Libraries also gave presentations about the importance of the Inn Libraries at the University of Law and BPP Law School. A further three sessions have been organised and will take place at City Law School on 26 and 29 November.

The Library has also participated in the Inn's qualifying sessions. On 22 September two sessions on basic legal research were run as part of the BPTC Advocacy and Legal Research training day, and the session was repeated on 10 October. Comments from participants were positive and this reassures us that the sessions are being pitched at the right level for the majority of attendees.



**Qualifying Session** 

# **New Pupils**

This month we have also been welcoming new pupils. We ran lunchtime induction sessions on 4 and 12 October at which we gave short presentations on the services we provide, and offered tours of the Library.

If you have any questions about training or tours, please contact tdennis@innertemple.org.uk.

# AccessToLaw: United States

The United States section of AccessToLaw provides annotated links to more than thirty sites. Many of them relate to such matters as the federal government and legislature, the courts and the legal profession, but about a third of all entries are for wide-ranging research guides of various kinds, many of them produced by American universities.

Best known of these perhaps is **Cornell LII**, website of the Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School. Founded in 1992, this was the first legal information site to be developed on the internet, and an exemplar for the establishment of BAILII and other comparable projects that now make up the worldwide Free Access to Law Movement. Resources on Cornell's site include the Constitution, the United States Code, Federal Rules, Uniform Laws, and opinions of the Supreme Court. Cornell Law School also hosts a collaboratively edited legal dictionary and encyclopedia, **Wex**, for which we provide an individual entry.

Other university-based sources which may provide sound starting points for research include **WashLaw**, from Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas, and **Emory Law: Free Electronic Resources**, from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. There are also free resources produced by commercial corporations, such as **Justia: US Law** and **Public Library of Law**; and by government bodies, such as **Law Library of Congress: US**.

For a general narrative guide to federal law, with extensive links to sources, there is **A Guide to the US Federal Legal System** on New York University's GlobaLex legal research site. It is frequently updated, most recently earlier this year.

Information on and contact details for members of the legal profession are included in some of the above guides, but there are separate dedicated sources too, notably **Martindale**, a directory of lawyers and law firms from US publisher Martindale-Hubbell, and **Chambers USA**, an online version of the US guide produced by UK publisher Chambers and Partners. Many lawyers and law students are members of the **American Bar Association**, whose website includes much information on legal education, admission to the Bar, and the working of the courts.

As in the UK, where we have GOV.UK, the United States has a comprehensive government portal site aimed at users of all kinds - **USA.gov**. Legal content may be found through its search facility, and there are extensive links to information and documents on other US government sites.

For the past few years the US Government Printing Office's **FDsys** site has provided free online access to official US Federal Government publications, including Congressional Bills, Public and Private Laws and the US Code, but this site will disappear soon. Already up and running as its replacement is **Govinfo**. containing the same material and search capability but with additional advanced features.

The two chambers that make up the United States Congress each have their own separate website – **United States House of Representatives** and **United States Senate**. Both contain information on the legislative process and their respective roles within it, but there is also **Congress.gov**, a dedicated official site, managed by the Library of Congress, for the provision of federal legislative information.

Information on, and the text of, the United States Code, a consolidation and codification by subject of the general and permanent laws of the US, is freely available via many of the sites noted above, but it is produced within the House of Representatives by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel (OLRC). Various tables, FAQs and research tools are provided alongside the authoritative, up to date text on the OLRC's site: we therefore provide an entry for **Office of the Law Revision Counsel: United States Code**.

Researchers seeking free online case law, whether state or federal, may find one of the research sites noted above such as Cornell LII a suitable starting point. Cases decided by the country's highest court are also readily accessible via our link to its own site, **Supreme Court of the United States**. Content ranges from the most recent "slip" opinions to the full text, 1991 onwards, of the *United States Reports* series of bound volumes.

# **New Acquisitions**

First of all we would like to convey our thanks to the following who have presented books to the Library recently: Jonathan Hand for his *Practical guide to personal injury claims involving animals*; Master Schiemann for *State liability in tort: a comparative study* by Duncan Fairgrieve; Mark Loveday (general editor) for *Service charges and management*, 4th edition by Tanfield Chambers; and Master Sedley for his new collection of essays, *Law and the whirligig of time*.



NHS Law and Practice by David Lock QC and Hannah Gibbs (LAG) is, say the publishers, the first book to describe the large and complex legal structures of the modern NHS. It explains the legal relationships between NHS commissioners and providers of primary, community and acute care, as well as explaining the structure of NHS regulation. This book provides a detailed guide to enforcing patients' legal

rights in the context of NHS Continuing Healthcare, patient choice and the rules concerning NHS personal budgets.



Fundamental features of the criminal justice system, including the presumption of innocence and onus of proof, the privilege against self-incrimination, and the right to legal advice and representation are considered by Dame Sian Elias, Chief Justice of New Zealand, in her Hamlyn Lectures for 2016, now published as Fairness in criminal justice: golden threads and pragmatic patches (Cambridge). The author examines recent

challenges to the classic conception of criminal justice, prompted (as she sees it) by anxiety about crime, the costs involved, and delays in proof of guilt. The challenges include enlarged prosecutorial discretion in charging, "incentivisation" of early guilty pleas, adoption of reverse onuses of proof, the application to criminal proceedings of principles of modern civil case management, and measures to bring the victim into the criminal justice system. The lectures effectively question whether this repositioning risks the integrity of the system.



Published to coincide with the formulation of new rules and guidance, Transparency in the family courts: publicity and privacy in practice by Julie Doughty, Lucy Reed and Paul Magrath (Bloomsburg Professional) draws together the law and key cases to provide practical guidance on publicity in family law cases and their reporting in the media. Transparency is a troubling issue in family justice, with courts being

accused of secrecy and unaccountability and concerns raised in relation to the risks posed to children by the publicity surrounding cases in which they are involved. The issue is one of conflict between individual interests and rights, and the law is complex and confusing. The authors are all well placed to offer practical advice across the range of problems that lawyers may face, since their work with the Transparency Project has highlighted a number of cases where the public have been misinformed.

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

# **OVERNIGHT LOANS**

Available to barristers (including pupils) who are members or tenants of the Inner Temple, and barristers (including pupils) from chambers within (or in the vicinity of) any of the four Inns.

See website or ask staff for full details.

# Visitors

Visitors to the Library in September included the Teaching and Learning Support Team from UCL Library, and in October the Temple Bar and Pegasus Scholars from the USA (accompanied by the President and senior delegates from the American Inns of Court Foundation) and the IALS Inns of Court Fellow, The Hon. Madam Justice Mary V. Newbury of the British Columbia Court of Appeal.



Teaching and Learning Support Team from UCL Library



Temple Bar and Pegasus Scholars from the USA

# **Fifteenth Anniversary**

One of our team, Sally McLaren, has just completed 15 years of service with the Inn. During that time she has been responsible for initiating and developing some of our most important electronic services such as the Current Awareness blog (updated daily), the electronic Newsletter, Facebook page, Twitter feed and the legal history timelines. We are sure that members of the Inns (and those in the wider legal community who have benefited from these initiatives) will wish to join us in congratulating her on this anniversary.

## **Congratulations to Catherine** McArdle

Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes



Catherine McArdle (left) and Tracey Dennis

On 19 September I attended a celebration to mark Catherine McArdle's 30 years at Lincoln's Inn Library. Catherine joined Lincoln's Inn in 1988 as Deputy Librarian and over the years has become a highly respected member of the library team at Lincoln's Inn and also a prominent figure in the

British and Irish Association of Law Librarians, in which she has held several key posts and under whose auspices she was named Law Librarian of the Year in 2013. Catherine is held in great esteem by her colleagues in all the Inns and within the law library community generally.

The occasion was very special to me, as 1988 was the year I became a law librarian when I was appointed Senior Library Assistant at Lincoln's Inn and began what has also become a 30-year career in law libraries. My experience there set me on a career path that has been extremely rewarding and enjoyable. The great fulfilment I have experienced in my working life is due to a large extent both to the solid grounding I received in my first job under Catherine's guidance, and to working with Catherine since: as both colleague and friend she has been a tremendous example of professionalism, dedication and loyalty.

## **Recent Enquiries**

The following selection of materials that we have been asked to find demonstrates the importance of our old editions collections:

- Carriage of Goods by Water Act 1936 (Canada)
- Consolidated County Court Orders and Rules 1875
- The Consolidated General Orders of the High Court of Chancery 1860
- The Indian Contract Act (No. IX of 1872) 11th edition 1915
- Offences Against the Person Ordinance (Turks & Caicos Islands), in: *Revised Laws of the Turks & Caicos Islands*, 1908 and 1951 editions

Enquiries such as these give the lie to the often heard, but alas misguided assertion that "everything is available online these days".