

NEWSLETTER

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Temporary Library Summer Hours

Summer opening hours for the Inner Temple's temporary Library begin on Thursday 1 August. The Library, which is based on the 5th floor at 10 Fetter Lane, will be open from 9am to 5.30pm from 1 August to 13 September. Late opening will resume on Monday 16 September.

The **temporary Library** provides a full range of services including:

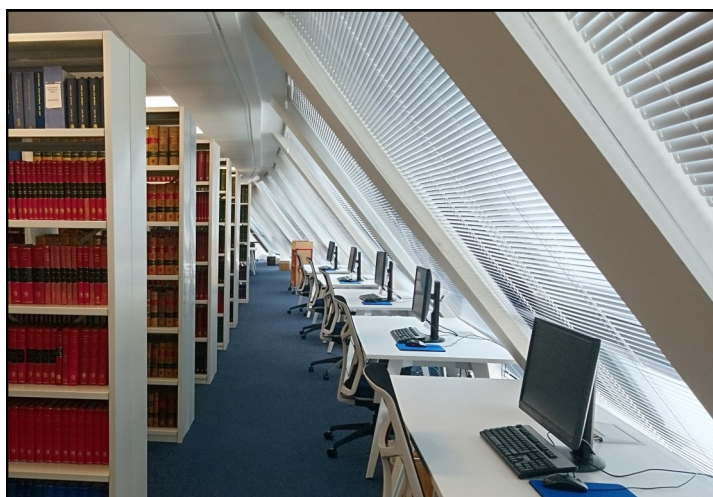
- provision of textbooks (current and old editions), journals and law reports
- provision of the Commonwealth and Scottish collections
- access to a range of subscription databases, including Lexis Library, Westlaw and other specialist services
- access to Wi-Fi
- an enquiry service by email, telephone or in person
- a document supply service
- legal research training
- web services such as the **Current Awareness Blog** and **AccessToLaw**
- retrieval of books from the basement store

Tours of the Library may be arranged by emailing tours@innertemple.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming members of the Inns to the temporary Library.



Views of the Temporary Library



Activities for 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 16 September to Friday 27 September 2019** 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.

Introductory Evenings

On **24 September** and **4 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 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 **21 September** and once as a separate event on the evening of **9 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 2020.

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

BAILII Update



Jules Winterton, former Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, writes

Background

The British and Irish Legal Information Institute, **BAILII**, is a freely available public service which supports access to justice, fairness and inclusion. Since its inception in 2000 after a successful campaign to “Free the Law”, BAILII has delivered a valuable service that is free to access for everyone. It provides reliable information resources for private individuals, organisations serving civil society, those in legal education and training, and those involved in and serving the legal system. The service is low cost, good quality, easy to use, free at point of use and does not require registration or login.

In 2018 BAILII received almost 11.5m visits, totalling 63.4m page views. BAILII added 38,975 judgments and other legal materials all on a budget of £161,000, with a staff of 2.85 FTEs.

Feedback on the BAILII service is positive. According to a recent independent survey of BAILII users, 92% of survey respondents said BAILII is very important in enabling free access to law, 95% of respondents rated BAILII's service as excellent or good, and 71% of barristers and 60% of solicitors who responded said it is very important to their work. Among members of the public, 83% of those who responded said they find BAILII very or fairly important to them.

Funding and Fundraising

For BAILII to remain strong and independent it continues to need core funding from those who share both its ideals and its belief that it is providing a valuable and unique free access public service. BAILII relies mainly on donations, supplemented by a small but important contract with the Ministry of Justice. Thanks to continuing generous support from donors, including the support of all four Inns, BAILII has generated funds to cover its costs for most of the past 19 years. From 2015 to 2017 running costs exceeded income and resources became over-stretched. However, recent progress has been made to secure a sustainable future. In 2018 new fundraising arrangements were put in place, overseen by Guy Beringer QC, and about £130,000 of philanthropic income was generated.

BAILII has also obtained a grant from the Legal Education Foundation (LEF) over two years from 2019 to establish sustainability and a development path.

The grant funded an independent business development report from not-for-profit Social Finance. It also covers short-term arrangements for a modest increase in capacity at operational and strategic levels, but it is likely that in the longer term staffing will need to increase and the recurrent budget will need to increase accordingly. Commitment to new ventures, such as digitisation projects or new services, will need to take into account further additional costs.

BAILII's objectives include research and the publication of research results in areas relevant to its services, to be achieved in collaboration with academic institutions, and BAILII will consider joint applications for research grant funding.

Sustainability

BAILII is addressing the following issues as priorities, while continuing to ensure its primary purpose that the databases are up to date, expanding and accessible to all at no cost to the end user: ensuring robust and responsive governance and management processes are in place, managing succession to the key post of Executive Director, making small increases in capacity, securing a reliable and increased funding stream to cover current annual costs, and rolling out minor upgrades to improve usability.

Recent Developments

BAILII has recently addressed governance and management by appointing a new Chair, Professor Sir Ross Cranston, recruiting two new trustees by advertisement, appointing a part-time consultant, the former Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), and it is about to advertise a part-time post in the BAILII office which, among other duties, will increase BAILII's contributions to social media. BAILII also intends to form an Advisory Council to support its Board of Trustees.

BAILII has concluded an agreement to continue and enhance support from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London. BAILII receives donations in kind which reduce various overhead costs, and BAILII continues to benefit from employment services, office accommodation and services, local computing, server accommodation, and fast internet access. As part of the agreement BAILII has also secured the professional services of the Development Office of the University and a part-time fundraising officer, Yvette Rathbone, who has already made significant progress in building philanthropic income.

BAILII Update cont.

A modest upgrade of BAILII's homepage to a cleaner and more modern look is being planned, following user consultation. While there is no ambition to emulate the sophisticated search engines and data tagging of subscription databases, BAILII's search functionality will be reviewed, and recent search engine improvements by other LIIs will be examined.

Events

The Sir Henry Brooke BAILII Annual Lecture will be given by Lord Sales and take place on November 12th, kindly hosted by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. BAILII is planning a reception in Dublin in early spring 2020 and BAILII jointly with IALS will host the international "Law via the Internet" conference in autumn 2020 under the auspices of the Free Access to Law Movement.

Content

BAILII will continue to prioritise primary legal information, and in particular speedy publication of judgments of the courts. There is ongoing engagement with the MoJ and HMCTS to maintain and improve content delivery, including extempore judgments of legal significance. BAILII will actively investigate and take every opportunity to extend both current and retrospective coverage, through funded projects and data agreements.

Future developments will be investigated and considered, subject to available funding:

- the possibility of pro bono contributions to the work of BAILII, in adding value to data, text processing, and technical work where suitable opportunities arise.
- linking from judgments on BAILII to case comment and summaries published online, e.g. by practitioners in their blogs.
- obtaining or creating subject descriptors utilising pro bono input or part-time freelance assistance.
- republishing relevant available scholarly material from open access platforms.
- possible collaboration with partners to develop case analytics and other initiatives driven by BAILII data.

How you can help BAILII

If you use BAILII and appreciate its value to the user groups it serves, we would encourage you or your chambers to make a donation by visiting www.bailii.org/bailii/appeal.html. The Trustees are most grateful for your support and the support of existing donors including the four Inns, chambers and individual barristers, acknowledged at <https://www.bailii.org/support/donors.html>, who ensure that BAILII can continue to fulfil its mission of providing free access to the law for all.

Database News

We now have access to Westlaw Canada in addition to Westlaw UK. Canada is one of the jurisdictions for which we have responsibility under the Inn Libraries specialisation scheme.

Other online subscription services available in the Library include:

- Bloomsbury Professional Online
- Criminal Law Week
- Electronic Immigration Network
- i-law (selected content)
- ICLR Online
- JustisOne (selected UK and Caribbean databases)
- Kemp on Lawtel
- Lawtel
- Lexis Library (UK and Commonwealth content)
- Lexis PSL (on trial)
- Practical Law
- The Times Digital Archive 1785-2013
- The Times & Sunday Times (1992 onwards)
- The Times Law Reports
- Westlaw UK

With the exception of **Bloomsbury Professional Online**, all the commercial services are available for use within the Library only.

Remote access to the Bloomsbury Service is available for barristers and pupils who are members of the Inner Temple. This can be arranged by emailing bloomsbury@innertemple.org.uk.

We will be organising training and drop-in sessions for Library users with the main database suppliers in the autumn. These sessions will be advertised in the Library and on our website, and will take place at 10 Fetter Lane.



AccessToLaw

AccessToLaw is a gateway site, providing links to selected UK, Commonwealth and worldwide legal resources including legislation, case law, commentary and organisations.

The content is selected, annotated and updated quarterly by information professionals at the Inner Temple Library; the aim is to include free sites relevant to lawyers practising in the UK.

www.accesstolaw.com

AccessToLaw: Parliaments

The **Parliaments** section of **AccessToLaw** covers the Parliament of the United Kingdom in Westminster and the UK's three devolved legislatures located in Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

Many readers will be aware that the current edition of “the Bible of parliamentary procedure” in Westminster, Thomas Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, has very recently been made available free of charge online. The **Erskine May** site provides the text of the new print edition (25th, 2019) in a form which is both browsable and searchable. The site's home page also provides a link to “MPs Guide to Procedure” - described as practical, clearly written guidance on House of Commons procedure for MPs and their staff.

The vast and complex **United Kingdom Parliament** site provides extensive information on the activities, membership and publications of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We provide an entry for the main site's home page, and also several entries for some of its most useful main sections and sub-sites. Erskine May is one of these; others include **House of Commons**, **House of Lords**, **Parliamentary Archives**, and the detailed alphabetical index to the whole Parliament site, **United Kingdom Parliament Index**.

Hansard is another important sub-site, giving access to official reports of parliamentary debates in both Houses. When first launched it contained only parliamentary debates of the last few years; with historical archive material recently incorporated, coverage now extends back to 1802.

Two other sites relating to aspects of the work of the UK Parliament – both of them sections of the GOV.UK portal site – are **Office of the Parliamentary Counsel** and **Office of the Leader of the House of Commons**. The Leader of the House of Commons is the Cabinet minister responsible for arranging government business, including the introduction of government Bills in the House of Commons. Information on current and forthcoming business in the Lords is provided on the **Government Whips' Office**, **House of Lords** site.

The **Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority** is the public body, created almost ten years ago following the 2009 parliamentary expenses scandal, which sets and regulates MPs' salaries, pensions, business costs and expenses. Its website has details of the current expenses scheme and guidance for MPs.

The devolved **Scottish Parliament** was created in 1999 after an interval of nearly three hundred years during which the UK Parliament legislated for Scotland. The original Parliament of Scotland ceased to exist in 1707 upon the passing of the Act of Union, but its records too are accessible online. **Records of the Parliaments of Scotland to 1707** is a site produced by researchers from the Scottish Parliament Project based at the University of St Andrews. Proceedings on the site, which include the texts of statutes, are browsable and fully searchable.

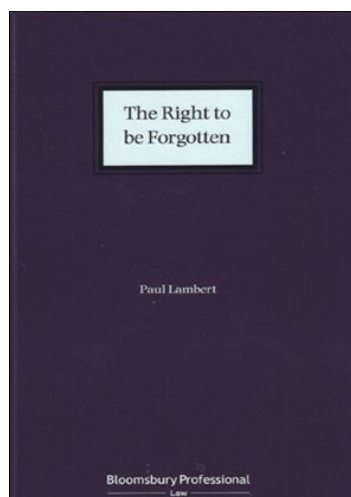
The devolved legislature of Wales is currently known as the **National Assembly for Wales**, though the name is expected to change next year to Welsh Parliament. Site content includes records of proceedings, a guide to the legislative process, and links to Bills and enacted legislation.

The first devolved legislature of Northern Ireland was established upon partition in 1921, but the **Northern Ireland Assembly** in its present form was only established in 1998, as part of the Belfast Agreement. All Hansards and Bills since 1998 are available, though of course little has changed or been added to the site since the Assembly was suspended in 2017.

Periodic reviews of United Kingdom Parliament constituency boundaries are carried out by four boundary commissions, and we provide entries for each of them: the **Boundary Commission for England**, the **Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland**, the **Boundary Commission for Scotland** and the **Boundary Commission for Wales**. All of these sites have information on past boundary reviews, in addition to the most recent reviews which were carried out in 2018.

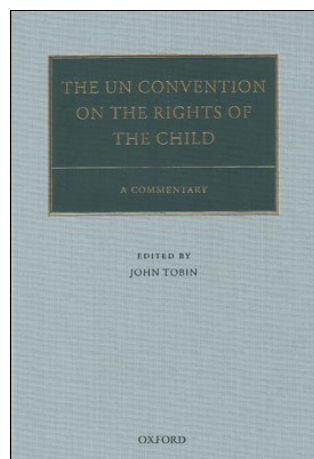
The final entry to be mentioned is **TheyWorkForYou**. Unlike the government and official websites noted above, this is an independent site run by the charity mySociety. Its aim is to take data and information from official parliamentary sources, including debates, written answers and MPs' voting records, and add various features which make it easier to understand. Coverage includes the UK Parliament, the Scottish Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly, but not at present the National Assembly for Wales.

New Acquisitions



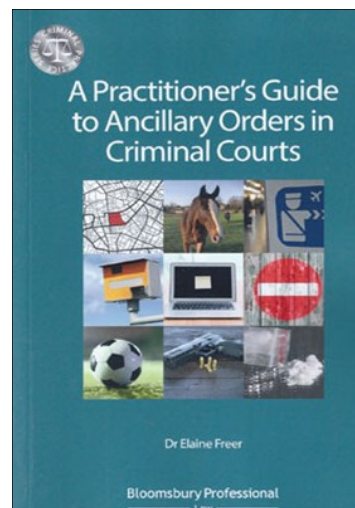
The right to be forgotten (RtbF) is one of the most publicised areas of the GDPR and has received worldwide attention following judicial and legal developments in Europe. The High Court has now decided on its first RtbF case, upholding the right to takedown and forgetting. The UK Information Commissioners Office (ICO) has also dealt with

a number of RtbF complaint cases. Paul Lambert's *The right to be forgotten: interpretation and practice* (Bloomsbury Professional) is apparently the first full-length book dedicated to the subject and therefore fills an important gap in resources. It covers the right to be forgotten, erasure and forgetting, data protection, GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018, and (perhaps inevitably) there is a chapter on Brexit.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most extensive and widely ratified international human rights treaty. *The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: a commentary*, edited by John Tobin (Oxford) offers a comprehensive analysis of each of the substantive provisions in the Convention, and its optional

Protocols on Children and Armed Conflict and the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Pornography. It offers a detailed insight into the drafting history of these instruments, the scope and nature of the rights accorded to children and the obligations imposed on states to secure the implementation of these rights. In doing so, it draws on the work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the decisions of international, regional and domestic courts, and on academic and interdisciplinary scholarly analyses.



Elaine Freer's *A practitioner's guide to ancillary orders in criminal courts* (Bloomsbury Professional) aims to provide in clear format the law, application and analysis relating to ancillary orders available to criminal courts. The orders include those available on acquittal, e.g. restraining orders and defence costs

orders, as well as those available on conviction, e.g. sexual harm prevention orders and directors' disqualification orders. The area has seen a lot of changes in recent years and a new criminal sentencing code, in respect of which a bill is currently before Parliament, will, suggests Dr Freer, provide greater clarity and awareness of the existence of ancillary orders, which often tend to be overlooked. This title acts as an easy reference guide both for advocates and the courts. Each order, with the law and precedent applying to it, is in its own self-contained chapter.

English legal history and its sources, edited by David Ibbetson, Neil Jones and Nigel Ramsay (Cambridge) has an oblique connection with the Inner Temple, since it honours the work and writings of Master Baker (Professor Sir John Baker) over the past fifty years, presenting a collection of essays by leading scholars on topics relating to the sources of English legal history, the study of which the dedicatee has so much advanced. The broad themes under which the essays are arranged are: law reports and reporting, courts and records of litigation, images of the law, and legal practice and legal learning.

In conclusion we would like to thank Professor Nelson Enonchong for presented to the Library the third edition of his *Duress, undue influence and unconscionable dealing*.

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