

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2018



The Inner Temple Library

## AccessToLaw

During the year visitors from 168 countries viewed our **legal gateway site**, the majority coming from the UK, USA, India, Canada, Australia and Sri Lanka. The sections of the site accessed most frequently were Case Law, Sri Lanka, Legal Journals, Northern Ireland, Regulatory Law, Court Information, Republic of Ireland and Legislation.

## Binding

A total of 487 volumes of UK and Commonwealth law were bound or rebound during the year. Bookends Bindery, which specialises in dealing with early printed books, also carried out conservation and repair work on a number of items.

## Cataloguing

A total of 125 new titles, and 163 new editions of titles already held, were added to the catalogue during the year. In addition the number of existing records amended (other than to indicate a new edition) was 164. These totals exclude continuation volumes of periodicals - which are of course heavily represented in a library such as ours.

## Committees

The Librarian acted as Secretary to the Library Committee and to the Inter-Inn Libraries Liaison Committee. She also attended meetings of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library Committee.

## Current Awareness Blog

During the year we added 4,059 posts to the **blog**, bringing the archive to a total of 54,971 posts. Email subscriptions now stand at 3,633; in addition 3,909 people subscribe to the RSS feed and we have 9,753 Twitter followers. There are 1,122 subject categories, the top 10 most frequently accessed of these being sentencing, appeals, police, human rights, children, murder, internet, local government, costs and EU law.

**CURRENT AWARENESS**  
Legal News selected by the Inner Temple Library

Category: sentencing

**Defendant who defrauded council pension fund of £1m jailed for seven years – Local Government Lawyer**  
Posted January 30th, 2019 in fraud, local government, money laundering, news, pensions, sentencing by sally  
'A man who defrauded Westminster City Council's pension fund of more than £1m has been jailed for seven years.'

Full Story  
Local Government Lawyer, 29th January 2019  
Source: www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk

**More than half of young people in jail are of BME background – The Guardian**  
Posted January 29th, 2019 in imprisonment, minorities, news, sentencing, statistics, young offenders by sally  
'More than half of the inmates held in prisons for young people in England and Wales are from a black and minority ethnic (BME) background, the highest proportion on record, the prisons watchdog has said, prompting warnings that youth jails have hit "American" levels of disproportionality.'

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"It really is an excellent facility, and I already find it invaluable. It is particularly useful when I am out of chambers, in the UK or abroad, as it provides not only information but also all the hot-links I need."  
— Nigel Fleming QC

Classifieds  
Click here to view chambers' vacancies

Events

## Displays and Publications

In 2018 we created a number of displays and **accompanying booklets** to mark important dates, including the 70th anniversary of the National Health Service, Black History Month, Trans Awareness Week and World Human Rights Day.

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

**Dr Frene Ginwala**  
Adm IF; Call 1964  
Speaker of the National Assembly of S (1994-2004)

**Cy Grant**  
(1919-2010)  
Adm MF; Call 1950  
Actor, musician and author, and first to appear regularly on British television; Drum Arts Centre in London with the foster black artistic talent (1974)

**Courtenay Griffiths**  
Adm G; Call 1980  
Queen's Counsel (1998); Recorder (1998); Gray's Inn (2002)

**Sir Arthur Dion Harcourt**  
Adm IF; Call 1955  
Member of Parliament of the Bahamas; Deputy Prime Minister of the Bahamas; Governor General of the Bahamas (2001-2007)

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**GRANT v. UNITED KINGDOM**  
In Grant v. United Kingdom (2006) the European Court of Human Rights ruled against the UK for denying a state pension at age 60 from a transgender woman, a landmark decision on the right to respect for private life contrary to Article 8.

**EQUALITY ACT 2010**  
The Equality Act 2010 officially added "gender reassignment" as a protected characteristic.

**TRANS GENDER LAW: A SHORT HISTORY**

s.7 Gender reassignment  
(1) A person has the protected characteristic of gender reassignment if the person is proposing to undergo, is undergoing or has undergone a process (or part of a process) for the purpose of reassigning the person's sex by means of hormonal, medical or other means, and the sex assigned to that person (the assigned sex) differs from that person's sex assigned at birth (the birth sex).  
(2) A reference to a transsexual person is a reference to a person who has the protected characteristic of gender reassignment.  
(3) In relation to the protected characteristic of gender reassignment—  
(a) a reference to a person who has a particular protected characteristic is a reference to a transsexual person;  
(b) a reference to persons who share a protected characteristic is a reference to transsexual persons.

**TRANS PRIDE**  
The first Trans Pride March to take place in Europe was held in London in 2009. The three-day event is now celebrated annually with the theme of "equality and diversity through visibility".

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## Document Supply Service

This **service** is available to barrister and judicial members of all four Inns wherever they are based, and to student members of the Inner Temple. Over the year 177 items have been scanned and emailed to barristers located in the UK, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Ireland, Jersey and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

## Donations

Members of the Inn continue to present copies of their newly published works. We also receive **Wildy, Simmonds and Hill** publications free of charge. Donations resulted in a saving of £2,614 on monographs and £8,376 on loose-leaf releases and journals in 2018.

## Enquiries

Staff at the Enquiry Point dealt with over 3,500 personal and telephone enquiries from barristers, judges, pupils, students, and clerks. Enquiries were, as always, very varied and included: establishing what was the law relating to marriage and divorce in Jamaica in 1879; whether a court would order the civil fraud trial of Defendants 5 and 6 to proceed in circumstances where Defendants 1 to 4 have challenged jurisdiction and the point has gone to the CJEU; whether a judge has discretion to treat a defendant's year on recall as being effectively time served; academic commentary on the most recent decisions relating to an individual's right to light; and whether CPR 25.1(1)(g), regarding disclosure of assets which may be subject to a freezing injunction, had an equivalent in the RSC.

The following materials, requested by Library users, serve to demonstrate the importance of having an extensive and readily accessible old editions collection: *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 in Revised laws of the Turks & Caicos Islands, 1980 and 1951 editions*. (This is a very small selection.)

## Feedback

We received complimentary feedback from barristers, students and visitors during the year on various aspects of library services:

"That's twice this week I've been saved by the librarians" (*on the enquiry service*);

"Thanks for lightning service" (*on the document supply service*);

"Many thanks to you and your colleagues for an excellent presentation on Legal Research. I may be a BPTC student, but have to admit that there was so much I learnt from your presentation and in a very timely manner." (*Out of London BPTC student*);

"Thank you very much for the very interesting and informative tour ... You clearly love your job and are passionate about education. You truly inspired each of us who were fortunate enough to be on the tour with you." (*US lawyer, following a Library tour with the Deputy Librarian*);

"I express my gratitude for all your hard work on this excellent daily email, which I do indeed read daily" (*on Current Awareness blog*);

"Thank you for keeping us abreast of legal developments in the UK during the past year." (*Law publishers, South Africa, on the blog*);

"I wanted to let you know how useful we find your AccessToLaw resource, particularly when providing guidance to library visitors who are unable to use our University subscribed sources." (*from librarians at the University of Exeter*)

"Loving @inner-temple having #TransAwarenessWeek cases up in the library" (*on a Library display*);

"Have really enjoyed taking breaks in the library to read about the careers of these lawyers during #Black History Month. I'll be sad to see them go." (*on a BHM library display*);

"Amazing exhibition of manuscripts at Inner Temple Library, the late medieval illustrations of the three superior common law courts and the Chancery are especially remarkable" (*on the manuscript display for members*).

## Grand Day Exhibition

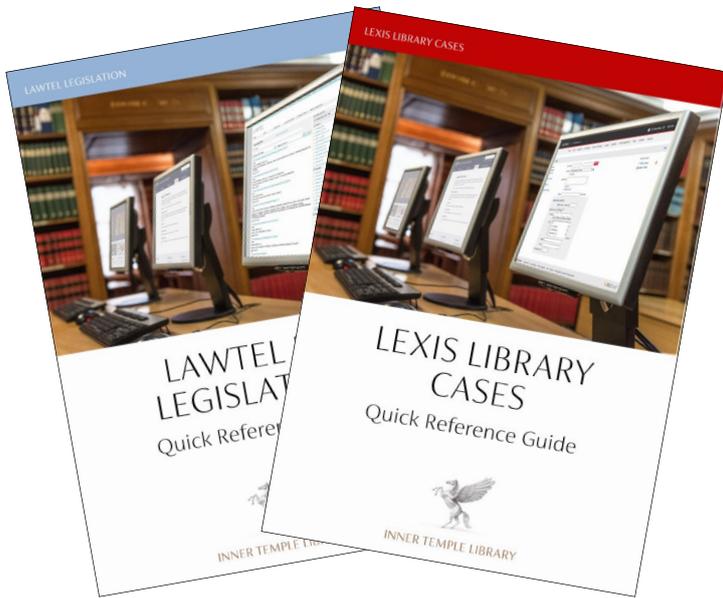
On 7 November the manuscripts and rare books to be displayed for Grand Night guests were also exhibited in the Library during the afternoon for members and staff of the four Inns to view. Particular interest was shown in the autograph letters exchanged between the children of Henry VIII, the illuminations showing the four courts at Westminster Hall dating from around 1460, and Sir Thomas Egerton's original brief for the trial of Mary Queen of Scots. Visitors were very appreciative of having this opportunity to see a selection of the Inn's treasures.



Visitors viewing manuscripts on Grand Day afternoon

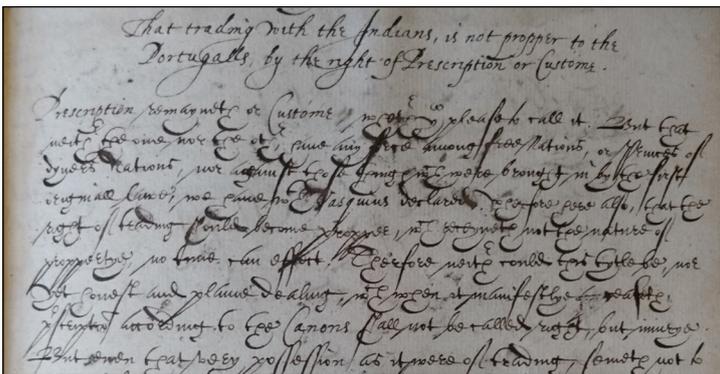
**Guides**

The Readers' Guide, Student Guide and legal research and database guides were revised and reprinted during the year. Copies are available in the Library and on our [website](#).



**Historical Enquiries**

Enquiries we answered during 2018 related to a wide range of topics, including: Charters of Dunstable Priory; Richard Hakluyt's translation of Grotius's *The free sea*; the power under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 to grant honorary titles; and the provenance and physical characteristics of the Inn's copy of Ralph Brooke's *Catalogue of the Kings of England*; As ever we received a great many enquiries concerning persons supposed to have been members of the Inn and these were dealt with in collaboration with the Archivist.



Grotius's *The free sea*, translated by Hakluyt

**IT**

Several public access PCs were upgraded to make them faster and more efficient. The Library server hardware was also upgraded. As part of the Inn-wide telephone upgrade, all Library staff received new telephone handsets.

**Legal Research Training**

Legal research training sessions for new pupils were run in January and April. The course covers UK case law and legislation and includes topics such as tracking the judicial history of a case, understanding the hierarchy of citations, deciphering neutral citations and finding current and historic versions of legislation. The participants at both sessions were very positive in their feedback, describing the trainers as "very knowledgeable and engaging", "genuinely passionate about their subject" and the content as "very good" and "all useful".

We offered basic legal research training as part of the Inn's Qualifying Sessions in September and October. Two sessions were held on a Saturday and one on a weekday evening. A further session on more advanced legal research was held in May for BPTC students from the 2017 intake. The positive feedback received demonstrates how useful these sessions are to new students.



Deputy Librarian speaking at a Qualifying Session

In November we organised a training session for 18 Bar students at the University of Northumbria. The organiser reported back that "everyone has said that they found it very useful".



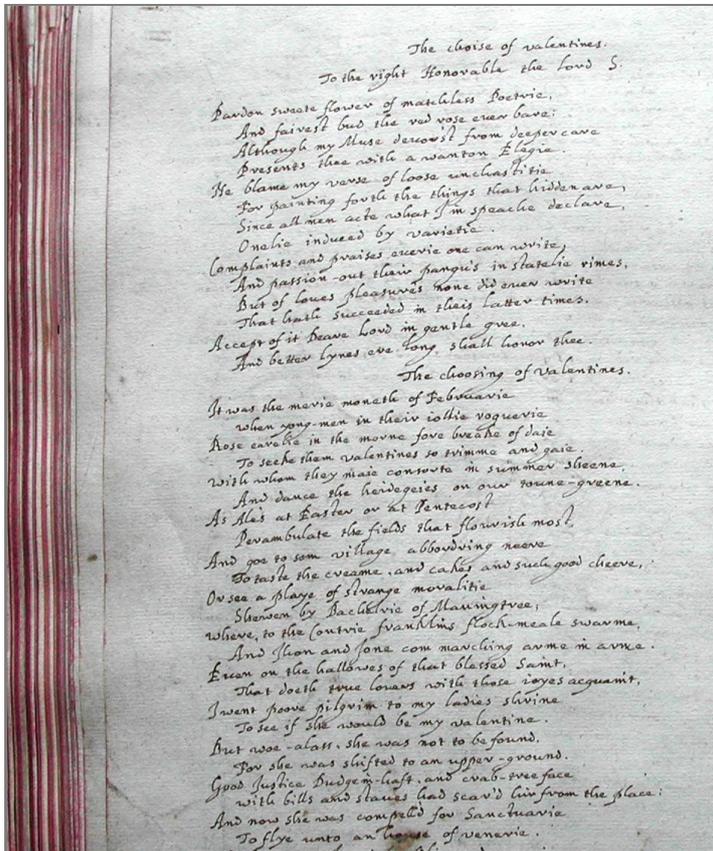
Senior Library Assistant and Deputy Librarian at Northumbria University

Littleton Basement

Library users requested a total of 230 items from the basement store in the Littleton Building. The most frequently requested items continue to be old editions of practitioners' textbooks and older Commonwealth material.

Manuscript Enquiries

The range of subjects being investigated by visiting scholars, and the enquiries we have dealt with by correspondence, continue to attest to the variety and richness of the manuscript collection. Over the past year these have included Andrew Marvell senior's sermon "Israel and England parallel'd" of 1627; the social lives of early modern playhouses; a fragment of Lydgate's Troy Book used in the binding of the Inn's illuminated copy of Hilton's *Scale of perfection*; and propaganda and law enforcement in 16th-century England. Particular attention has been attracted by two literary manuscripts: Thomas Nashe's "The choise of valentines" and Mary Sidney, Countess of Pembroke's translation of Petrarch's "Triumph of Death". Our set of mid-15th century illuminations showing the Courts at Westminster continue to be reproduced in a variety of intriguing contexts, recently for instance in an academic article on authority and masculinity at the Inns of Court in the 14th to 16th centuries, and in an e-book on the history of scrolls and scrolling "from papyrus to hypertext".



Thomas Nashe's "The choise of valentines"

Newsletter

The Library's electronic **newsletter** was emailed to all members and tenants in February, May, July and October.

Online Services

The Library added Kemp on Lawtel and the Canadian Abridgment (via Westlaw International) to the range of **subscription services** available within the Library. Lexis PSL was trialled for a second time for a twelve month period. A subscription to the Bloomsbury Professional Online Service was taken out in August. This gives full text access to 176 textbooks, loose-leafs and journals in over 20 practice areas. In addition to access within the Library, we have a limited number of logins which allow us to make the service available to Inner Temple barrister members by remote access. A number of members on circuit have taken advantage of this offer.

Pupils

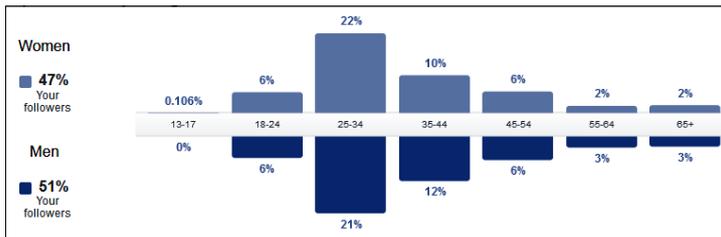
In addition to the legal research sessions already mentioned, induction sessions were held in October at which the Deputy Librarian outlined the library services that are of most relevance to pupils. Library tours for pupils in individual chambers were given throughout the year.

### Social Media

We have engaged with our social media audience via **Facebook** and **Twitter** with a wide range of posts which have included in-house displays, additions to the Library collection, changes to opening hours and the Current Awareness news, as well as events and lectures taking place in and around the Inn and law-related TV and radio programmes. Our top five posts on Facebook included three TV documentaries, a short introduction and history of Call Day, and a list of free online law courses and learning resources.



We currently have 9,765 followers on Twitter and 1,879 on Facebook. Our Facebook followers are mainly based in the UK or the USA and the numbers are evenly divided between men and women, with a substantial proportion in the 25-34 or 35-44 age groups.



### Staff Training

Library staff attended a number of courses on the General Data Protection Regulation and on making an impact with publications and other forms of communication. Three members of the library team attended the annual conference of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians, which had *Designing our Future* as its theme.

### Student Events

The Deputy Librarian attended the Inn's introductory evenings for London and out of London students and was a member of the panel of speakers. She spoke about Library services and the importance of students using the Library throughout their legal careers. At the reception afterwards Library guides and leaflets were on display.

Library staff, together with colleagues from Lincoln's Inn and Middle Temple, attended fresher events at City Law School and the University of Law. These events provide an informal means to meet new students and answer their questions.



Fresher Fair at City Law School

The Deputy Librarian and library staff from the other Inns gave presentations to new BPTC students at BPP Law School, City Law School and the University of Law. The presentations outline the services that the Inn Libraries offer to Bar students.

Two open afternoons for London and out of London students were held in September and October, at which students could talk to Library staff, have a tour of the Library and take away a goody bag containing gifts from legal publishers.



Student Open Afternoon

### Timelines

We updated our Pride Timeline, which highlights countries where Pride marches have become notable fixtures. A snapshot of the current legal situation in each country is included. [All of our timelines](#) can be viewed via the Library website.



**2004**  
**MALTA**

First Pride held in Valletta in 2004.

The law as it stands:

- ✓ Same-sex sexual activity
- ✓ Equal age of consent
- ✓ Anti-discrimination laws
- ✓ Same-sex marriage\*
- ✓ Legal gender recognition

\*As of 2017

Year	Country
2001	Poland
2001	Serbia
2003	Taiwan
2003	Turkey
2004	Malta
2005	Hong Kong
2005	Greece
2005	Latvia
2006	Portugal
2006	Mauritius
2006	Russia

**2013**  
**MONTENEGRO**

First Pride held in Budva in 2013.

The law as it stands:

- ✓ Same-sex sexual activity
- ✓ Equal age of consent
- ✓ Anti-discrimination laws
- X Same-sex marriage
- ⊖ Legal gender recognition

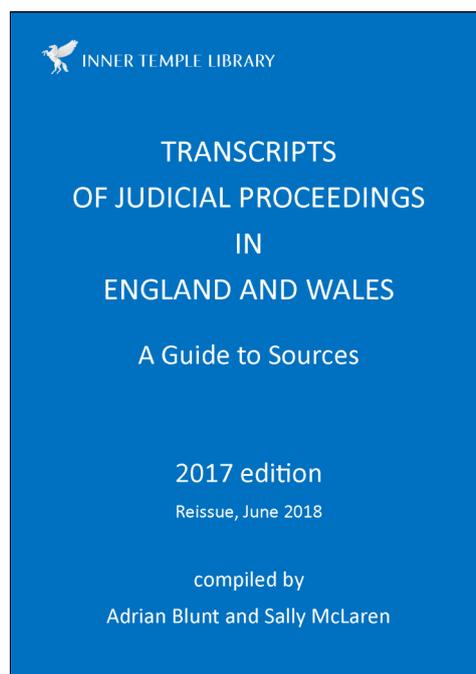
Year	Country
2011	Iran
2011	Greenland
2011	Lithuania
2012	Argentina
2012	Vietnam
2012	Uganda
2013	Montenegro
2014	Cyprus

### Tours

In collaboration with the Inn’s Education & Training Department we carried out 55 tours of the Library in the course of the year for prospective members of the Inn.

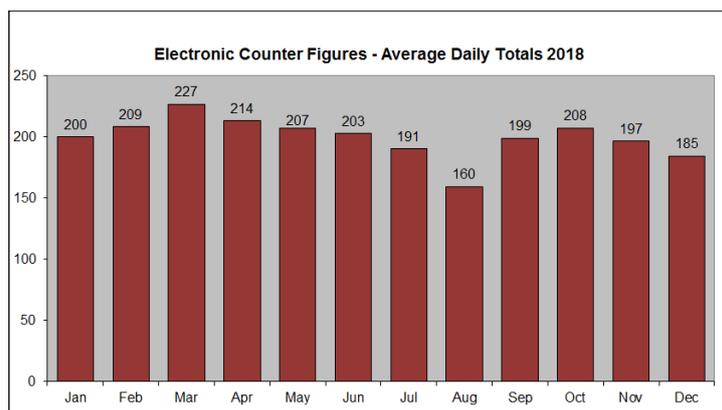
### Transcripts Guide

We reissued our [guide to sources of transcripts](#) in June after carrying out some limited updating of the edition published in 2017. The procedure for obtaining transcripts of hearings in the Royal Courts of Justice and at some other London courts was clarified and some recent name changes affecting the High Court were incorporated.



### Usage Statistics

An electronic monitor at the Library entrance counts people entering and leaving the Library, including staff: totals for each day are halved to compensate (as far as possible) for the fact that most people would be counted twice. The average daily total in 2018, after this adjustment, was 200, which is the same as last year.



## Users Group

The Library Users Group continued to discuss Project Pegasus and its effect on the Library. The Group, which consists of barristers, pupils and students, made a submission to the Bar Liaison Committee's survey on the Project.

## Visits

Visitors to the Library have included new staff members from the other Inn Libraries, the Teaching and Learning Support Team from UCL Library, a group of NHS librarians, the Temple Bar and Pegasus Scholars from the USA (accompanied by the president and senior delegates from the American Inns of Court Foundation), the IALS Inns of Court Fellow, and the Inn's new Academic Fellows.

We also gave a talk on library services to Spanish university students.



Teaching and Learning Support Team from UCL Library



NHS Librarians

## Website

Visitors from 150 different countries viewed the Library website, the majority located in the UK, USA, France, Canada and India. The most frequently accessed sections of the site were the catalogue, opening hours, legal research FAQs and training, document supply service, free legal resources, manuscripts and the history of the Inn and of the Library.

