NEWSLETTER

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Events for Pupils

The date of our next legal research training session for new pupils is **Wednesday 22 April 2020** starting at **6pm** in **Mitre Court, Room B**, at the Inner Temple.

On **29 April**, **30 April** and **1 May** the Library will be offering inductions for new pupils. These will take place in the **Library at 10 Fetter Lane** at **1pm** and will last an hour. Members of staff will outline the services we provide and answer any questions new pupils may have. A tour will be given during the session. Tea/coffee and snacks will be provided.

Please contact tdennis@innertemple.org.uk to book a place on any of the events above.

Saturday Opening

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

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

Lexis®PSL

From mid-February onwards we will be subscribing to the Lexis®PSL service, which we have been trialling for some time. This provides concise practice notes, forms, precedents, authoritative commentary and current awareness for 35 practice areas. These include:

Arbitration Life Sciences
Banking & Finance Local Government
Commercial Pensions
Competition Personal Injury
Construction Planning
Corporate Practice Compliance
Corporate Crime Practice Management
Dispute Resolution Private Client

Dispute Resolution Private Client Employment Property

Energy Property Disputes

Environment Public Law

Family Restructuring & Insolvency

Financial Services Risk and Compliance Immigration Share Incentives

In-House Tax Information Law TMT

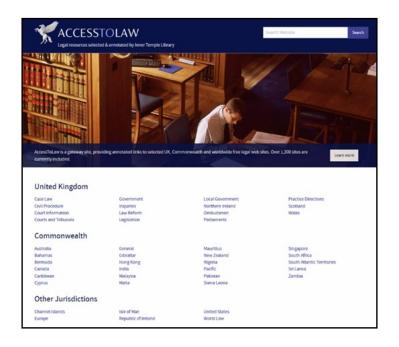
Insurance & Reinsurance Wills and Probate Intellectual Property & Information Technology

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 LexisPSL@innertemple.org.uk if you are interested in accessing this service remotely.

Annual Review 2019

AccessToLaw - during the year visitors from 174 countries viewed our legal gateway site, the majority coming from the UK, USA, India, Sri Lanka, Canada, Australia, Malaysia and France. The sections of the site accessed most frequently were Case Law, Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland, Health and Social Care Law, Court Information, Republic of Ireland and Legislation.



Cataloguing - a total of around 100 new titles, and 110 new editions of titles already held, were added to the **catalogue**. Additionally, 113 records were amended. Aside from the cataloguing of new practitioners' works, the emphasis has been on the retrospective cataloguing of the "Law Folio" collection (dating for the most part from the 17th to 19th centuries) housed in the basement of the Littleton Building.

Committees - the Librarian acted as Secretary to the Library Committee. She also attended meetings of the Inter-Inn Libraries Liaison Committee and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library Committee, as well as organising meetings of the Bar Librarians Group.

Conservation - in the course of the year we sent about a dozen items for specialist conservation work and/or rebinding by Bookends Bindery. The aim when rebinding is to preserve as much as possible of the original material, or to use similar materials and to adopt a style close to that of the original.

Items selected for this treatment will often have associations with important benefactors of past centuries, such as William Petyt, Herbert Jacob and Francis Maseres. Examples from 2019 are Staunford's *Pleas of the Crown* (Tottel, 1583), the anonymous *Fundamental law the true security of sov'reign dignity* (1683), Arthur Collins's *Baronies by writ and other honours* (1734), and a composite volume of papers concerning the condition of slaves in St Lucia and other colonies, including some manuscript items, dating from the 1820s.



Current Awareness Blog - during the year we added 3,830 posts to the blog, bringing the archive to a total of 58,884 posts. There were 112,050 visitors to the site and 169,348 unique page views. Email subscriptions now stand at 4,053; in addition 4,309 people subscribe to the RSS feed and we have 10,100 Twitter followers. There are 1,133 subject categories, the top 10 most frequently accessed of these being sentencing, appeals, police, human rights, children, internet, local government, murder, sexual offences and costs. The highest ranking locations for visitors are the UK, USA, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia and India.

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 156 items have been scanned and emailed to barristers located in the UK, Bahrain, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Dubai, Gibraltar, Guernsey and Jersey.

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 £1,461 on monographs and £9,213 on loose-leaf releases and journals in 2019.

Enquiries - staff at the Enquiry Point dealt with over 2,000 enquiries in person or over the phone, from barristers, judges, pupils, students and clerks. Here are a few examples of legal research queries we dealt with during the year:

A user asked us to find the case of Hayward 1908 21 Cox CC 692, assuring us that there was no copy to be found among the online resources to which he had access, even though there is frequent mention of the case in several textbooks. We located the case in *Cox's criminal cases*, held in the basement.

We traced a superseded version of the Mutual Legal Assistance Guidelines (not available on the Home Office web site) in the hard-copy of *Jones on extradition and mutual assistance*.

Departmental circulars are problematic, since generally only current ones are available via the internet. We found the Green Belt Circular (Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 4 of 1955) in *Howard Roberts on the law of town and country planning*, 2nd edition (1963). We were also able to source the same Department's Circular 14 of 1984 from our own holdings.

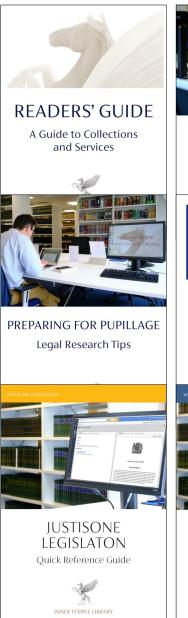
We were asked to find the Newlyn Harbour Orders dated 1942 and 1951, "not currently available in web-publishable form", according to legislation.gov.uk, and found them in our annual volumes of Statutory Rules & Orders and Statutory Instruments.

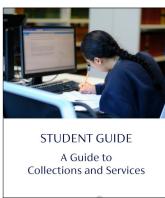
The Supreme Court needed to see a copy of the Bermuda Immigration Act 1937 as amended by the Immigration Act 1937 Amendment Act 1938 and the Immigration (Special Provisions) Act 1945. We were able to locate and provide this material from our holdings kept in the Littleton basement. The Supreme Court Library on another occasion requested the 1992 edition of Supperstone and Goudie's *Judicial review*, which we were able to supply.

Feedback - we received complimentary feedback from barristers, students and librarians during the year on various aspects of library services; here are a few examples:

- "What a wonderful service you provide." (Pupil)
- "Excellent librarians, extremely grateful for your assistance." (Student)
- "The move from the Inner Temple site to Fetter Lane has been seamless with the same level of service as before." (Supreme Court Library)
- "... very well thought out and very useful..." (Barrister on the Current Awareness Blog)
- "I thought the training was fantastic." (Pupil on legal research training)

Guides - the Readers' Guide, Student Guide and Quick Reference Guide were revised to take account of the move to Fetter Lane, and legal research and database guides were updated and reprinted. A **new guide** to Commonwealth electronic resources was produced. Copies of all the guides are available in the Library and on our **website**.







Historical Enquiries - research projects we have been asked to assist with this year have been very varied, and concerned, to give a few examples: biographical sources for the trustees of Dr Williams's Trust (established 1711) and their legal advisors; the working methods of William Bowyer, Keeper of Records in the Tower of London; the provenance of a copy of Tottel's edition of Bracton (2019 being the 450th anniversary of its publication); and the notebooks of Sir Cresswell Cresswell, founding judge of the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

IT - all of the Library PCs now have Windows 10 and Microsoft Office 2010 installed. A new version of JAWS screen reading software was installed on our two large-screen PCs. This software is designed to assist visually impaired users to access all Window applications and websites. Additional Caribbean case law content (Carilaw) was added to our JustisOne subscription.

Legal Research Training - Library staff ran four Qualifying Sessions on legal research in London, and two further sessions in Newcastle and Birmingham (the latter in January 2020).



Newcastle Qualifying Session

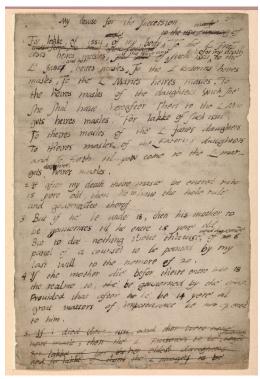
A training session for new pupils was held in October. Feedback from attendees was very positive and the trainers were described as "very helpful, friendly and extremely knowledgeable."

During September and October representatives from Bloomsbury, JustisOne, Lexis and Westlaw came to Fetter Lane to demonstrate their databases to students and practitioners.

Littleton Basement - Library users requested a total of over 150 items from the basement store in the Littleton Building. The most frequently requested items are old editions of textbooks and Commonwealth material. Since the move human rights texts and reports and international law texts, which are being housed there temporarily, have also been requested.

Manuscript Enquiries - the manuscript collection is inaccessible while we are in temporary accommodation, so there have been very few visiting scholars, but there is no lack of interest in reproducing images of manuscripts, and not only in traditional book form.

For instance Edward VI's "My Devise for the Succession" is to be used in web-based educational resources by Historic Royal Palaces; an illumination showing the Court of King's Bench circa 1460 featured in a display panel on the theme of law and order created by Heritage Studies students at the castle in Newcastle upon Tyne; and the same image along with another from the set, showing the Court of Common Pleas, featured in an article in the journal *Gender & history* entitled "Engendering erudition: masculinity and authority at England's inns of court, c.1350-c.1590".



Edward VI's "My Devise for the Succession"



Court of King's Bench



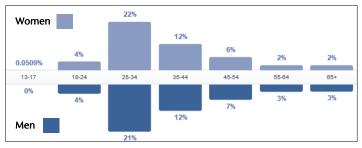
Court of Common Pleas

Newsletter - the Library's electronic **newsletter** was emailed to all members and tenants in February, June, July and November.



Social Media - we have added a wide range of posts on **Facebook** and **Twitter** during the year, which have included updates on the move to Fetter Lane, additions to the Library collection and changes to opening hours, as well as events and lectures taking place in and around the Inn, law-related TV and radio programmes and free learning resources.





We currently have 1,975 followers on Facebook and 10,100 on Twitter. Our Facebook followers are mainly based in the UK, USA, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and South Africa; followers are evenly divided between men and women, with a substantial proportion in the 25-34 or 35-44 age groups.

Student Events - the Deputy Librarian attended the Inn's introductory evenings for London and out of London students and spoke about library services. At the reception afterwards many students showed an encouraging level of interest in the Library and the services it offers.

Library staff attended freshers' events at City Law School and the University of Law.



Freshers' Fair at City Law School

Staff from Inner Temple, Lincoln's Inn and Middle Temple Libraries gave **presentations** on the services of the four Inn Libraries to new bar course students at BPP Law School, City Law School and the University of Law.



Presentation at City Law School

A reception was organised for Inner Temple students at Fetter Lane. This was a new initiative, offering students a chance to look around the premises in an informal way and to meet Library staff and members of the Library Committee.

The Deputy Librarian took part in the PASS Skills Day where she gave a talk, based around a superhero theme, on the skills needed to undertake legal research. (The Pegasus Access and Support Scheme, which was established by the Inner Temple and 62 partner chambers, is a leading programme designed to support aspiring barristers who have not yet started the bar training course.)

Temporary Library - the temporary Library opened at 10 Fetter Lane, 5th Floor on 28 May 2019. A full range of services is available to users, including provision of textbooks (current and old editions), journals, law reports and the Commonwealth collection; access to a full range of subscription databases; an enquiry service; a document supply service; legal research training and web services. Library staff continue to retrieve books stored in the Littleton Basement in response to users' requests.





Comments from Library users include the following:

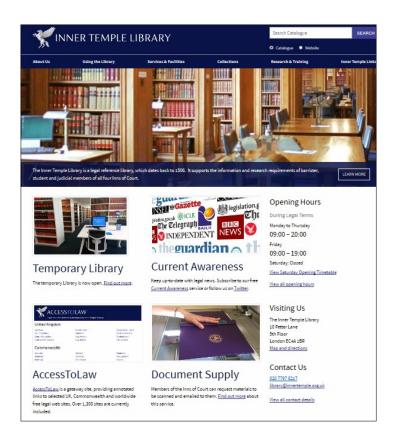
"The temporary library is a wonderful place to work. There is tons of room, so you can spread your papers far and wide; the library is flooded with natural light; and most importantly it is beautifully quiet. Also, if you find yourself lost in the maze of books, or stuck with a difficult legal problem, the library staff are always on hand to save the day." *Student*

"The temporary library is a superb place to work: absolutely quiet, airy, temperature controlled, plenty of table space; and well stocked with text-books, law reports, photocopying and digital facilities. I know: I have worked there three times already." Inner Temple Bencher

"Wonderful to be able to use my Library albeit pared down – well done to library staff for putting this together so beautifully!" *Inner Temple Bencher* "Looking for a text I found my quarry with no trouble at all and of course with the assistance of kindly staff that I am glad to see remain despite the recent seismic changes. The library is fine; cleverly laid out and comfortable (in terms of ambient temperature and light quality). ... I shall certainly avail [myself] of its amenities from hereon in ..." Barrister

Visits - we have welcomed a number of visitors to Fetter Lane. These have included our Dean of Education, Academic Benchers, members of library staff from the other Inns, and librarians from some of the Londonbased bar course providers. Members of the Library Committee came to Fetter Lane for a tour and reception after their meeting on 19 June.

Website - visitors from 158 countries viewed the **Library website**, the majority located in the UK, USA, Canada, India, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and China. The most frequently accessed sections of the site were the catalogue, opening hours, temporary accommodation, location, contacts, legal research FAQs and training, free legal resources, newsletter, collections and manuscripts and the history of the Inn and of the Library.



Alternative Annual Review

An alternative version of the **Library Annual Review** has been produced, in infographic format.

New Staff

James Rowles, Senior Library Assistant, writes



I joined the Inner Temple Library at the beginning of December 2019 as Senior Library Assistant. I previously worked as a Research Librarian at RSM (formerly Baker Tilly), and as a Library Assistant at Cameron McKenna.

I have very much enjoyed my first few

months at the Library and at the Inner Temple itself; the Gardens and the Temple Church are wonderfully peaceful places to spend a lunchtime.

I hope I can contribute in maintaining the excellent standard of service that the Library provides to members of the Inns of Court, and I am looking forward to making the smooth transition back to the permanent Library next year.

Learn for Free: Law Courses & Lectures Online

We updated our list of **free learning resources** in January. There are now over 250 resources including MOOCs, courseware, lecture collections and podcasts, covering a range of topics and jurisdictions.

We are still adding to this list. If you have any suggestions for inclusion please contact smclaren@innertemple.org.uk



History Society Lecture

The Supreme Court: A Rabbit Pulled out of a Hat? Frederic Reynold QC



In this lecture Frederic Reynold discusses some of the disparate factors - political, ideological and personal - described in his recent book: *High Principle, Low Politics and the Emergence of the Supreme Court*, which conspired against all the odds to result in the creation of the Supreme Court, now into the second decade of its existence.

Time: Wednesday 19 February 2020, 6.30pm for 6.45pm at the Temple Church, followed by a drinks reception.

Tickets: Members and the Public: £10.55 IT Students: £5.45

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

History Society Lecture

London and the Temple in 1270 Professor Caroline Barron OBE , Emeritus Professor of History, Royal Holloway, University of London

This lecture will focus on the built environment of the City of London in the year 1300, making use of the new map of medieval London (1270-1300) recently published by the Historic Towns Trust. After this lecture Rev. Robin Griffith-Jones will, in a shorter presentation, home in on the Temple Church and other Templar buildings before the Order was disbanded.

Time: Monday 16 March 2020, 5.45pm for 6pm at the Temple Church, followed by a drinks reception.

Tickets: Members and the Public: £10.55 IT Students: £5.45

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

AccessToLaw: Environmental Law

Glancing down the twenty-plus entries which currently make up the **Environmental Law** section of **AccessToLaw**, it is noticeable that about half of them are concerned with environmental laws made at the international level. But we begin this brief survey of the section with entries which are focused primarily on the domestic jurisdictions of the United Kingdom.

Heading the section is **39 Essex Chambers: Planning, Environment & Property**. This is an area of the chambers website which provides articles and news items, written by members with particular expertise in these areas.

UKELA is the United Kingdom Environmental Law Association. Its website includes consultation responses and other documents, and a link to UKELA's sister site "Law & Your Environment", which provides a "plain guide to environmental law" for the general public.

The UK Government department whose responsibilities include environmental protection in England is Defra, the **Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**. The entry links to information on the GOV.UK site about Defra's activities, policies and publications.

Defra sponsors the **Environment Agency**, the principal regulator of environmental matters in England. Content here includes information and guidance on UK and EU waste legislation and regulations, with links to texts.

Equivalent bodies in the devolved regions of the UK are the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Natural Resources Wales and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

There are two entries in the section which focus specifically on the European dimension:

European Commission: Environment is the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Environment. Its substantial legal content includes summaries of legislation, links to the legislation itself on the EUR-Lex section of the Europa site, and information about ECJ judgments on environmental law.

European Environmental Law, edited by Dutch researcher and academic Dr Wybe Th. Douma, provides information and news about European environmental law and policy. This includes links to relevant treaties, to legislation of the EU and individual member states, and to case law.

At the international level, much information is to be found on various United Nations websites.

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) is a specialised programme of the UN which coordinates its environmental activities. It has a wide variety of information relating to international environmental law, and to the environment generally. InforMEA is the United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements. It provides access to texts of agreements, court decisions and other documents.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is an agency of the UN which is responsible for promoting maritime safety and preventing pollution from ships. Although the texts of IMO conventions are not included on the site, there is a complete list of conventions with summaries, details of status and ratifications, and much other historical and background information.

ECOLEX is an environmental law information service operated jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and the UN Environment Programme. Its searchable database covers treaties, national legislation, court decisions and other related literature.

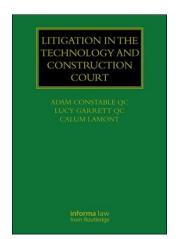
Another source for treaties is **ENTRI** (Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators), a searchable database of multilateral environmental treaties and related information produced by the Center for International Earth Science Information Network at Columbia University, though it should be noted that treaty status information on the site has not been updated since 2012.

Turning finally to general narrative research guides, we provide annotated links to three sites.

The Basic Guide to International Environmental Legal Research on the GlobaLex site is currently the most up to date of the three, revised most recently in 2017. After a general introduction it covers treaties, national legislation, library catalogues, and other sources of many kinds. Also on GlobaLex is a more narrowly focused guide to Researching International Marine Environmental Law, last updated in 2016.

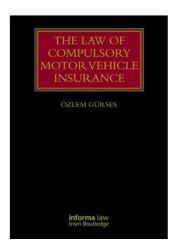
Electronic Resource Guide: International Environmental Law is a chapter of the ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law, an online resource first published by ASIL (the American Society of International Law) in 1997 and systematically expanded and updated since then. There is guidance on general search strategies, information on sources, and extensive hypertext links. It was last updated in 2015.

New Acquisitions



The Technology and Construction Court ("TCC") deals with legal cases that often require specialist technical expertise. This can lead to complex and sometimes lengthy proceedings. Following the Jackson reforms and developments in cost controls in the TCC, the way claims are handled is of paramount commercial importance to lawyers and

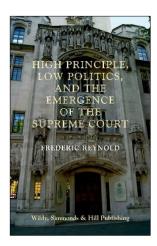
lay clients alike. *Litigation in the Technology and Construction Court* by Adam Constable, Lucy Garrett, Calum Lamont (Informa) provides a practical but rigorous guide to dealing with proceedings in the TCC. Examining the various types of claim which are commonly (and not so commonly) pursued in this court, it considers different potential approaches to such claims depending on the circumstances in which parties find themselves. The principal focus is on expeditious, cost-effective case management.



Özlem Gürses, in *The law of* compulsory motor vehicle insurance (Informa) begins by acknowledging that the rules governing the law of motor insurance are laid down in a complex system which includes national legislation, EU Directives and the Green Card scheme. One of the controversial issues is how to reconcile the EU Directives and national law; there have been numerous cases in which an EU Directive and a

local regulation appear contradictory, and the courts have had to determine the rules of interpretation to read the two instruments together. Given the current trend towards globalisation it is inevitable that disputes will arise for road users outside the jurisdiction where the motor vehicle is registered. Gürses' analysis includes an explanation of the system currently applicable together with the latest amendments to the legislation, and the interpretation of the legal instruments in force.

The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom has now been in existence for ten years and appears to have seamlessly become part of the fabric of our legal system.



Frederic Reynold's High principle, low politics, and the emergence of the Supreme Court (Wildy, Simmonds & Hill) tells the remarkable story, full of twists and turns, of how and why the court came to be created, and in doing so exposes a rich seam of social and political history. It also provides jargon-free insight into how the court has "performed" in the light of both the fears and the expectations which greeted its arrival. The author, who has

known personally some of the main characters in the story, has had a long and distinguished career at the Bar, appearing in many landmark cases.



With the introduction of a new sentencing guideline in 2016, the landscape for prosecutions and sentencing arising from health and safety lapses has changed: companies need to ensure that they have risk management and compliance procedures in place, and are increasingly turning to legal practitioners for advice on how to cope with the new regime. Written in a practical style and employing checklists, flowcharts and case studies,

HSE and Environment Agency prosecutions: the new climate by Charlotte Waters, Mike Appleby and Louise Smail (Bloomsbury Professional) examines multiple aspects of managing the risks of HSE and EA prosecutions. Each chapter starts with a summary and a list of the cases to be discussed in the chapter. An appendix contains a digest of each of the cases referred to in the text, highlighting the legislation, any related cases, and the fines imposed; cross references indicate where cases are covered in detail within the text. This enables the user to get a quick snapshot of whether a case is of relevance to them.

Our thanks are due to Master Keene for kindly presenting a copy of his recently published memoir, *Leaving the arena: a story of bench and bar.*

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