



NEWSLETTER

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Inn Libraries Opening Times

The dates and opening hours for each of the Inn Libraries during July and August are listed below. Please note that Inner Temple Library opening times are not the same as for our document delivery service, which are 9am to 5pm.

20-24 July	Inner Temple*	10am - 4pm
	Gray's Inn	10am - 4pm
27-31 July	Lincoln's Inn	9.30am - 5.30pm
3-7 August	Middle Temple	10am - 4pm
10-14 August	Inner Temple*	10am - 4pm
	Gray's Inn	10am - 4pm
17-21 August	Lincoln's Inn	9.30am - 5.30pm
24-28 August	Middle Temple	10am - 4pm

* Booking required

Library Services and COVID-19

The Inn Libraries will be open to members on a **rota** basis throughout July and August. After this the opening arrangements will be subject to review. Please note that the Inner Temple Library will be operating a **booking system** for admission; this is because the number of reader places has had to be reduced to ten in order to comply with social distancing guidance. This means that the Library will be closed to users unless they have booked in advance.

Library staff will continue to provide an **enquiry service** and **document delivery service** remotely via email, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm throughout the period to support members of the Inns wherever they are working. Our document delivery service is free of charge until further notice.

Enquiries and Requests for Materials

Members of the Inns of Court - please contact us at library@innertemple.org.uk with any requests for material so that we can, where possible, provide this via email.

Clerks - please contact us at library@innertemple.org.uk if you need to copy materials and we will arrange to do this on your behalf where this is practicable

Free Access to ICLR Online

The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting is offering free access to ICLR Online **for a limited period up to 30 November 2020** to members of the Inns who are practising barristers based in the UK. If you are a practising barrister and would like to take advantage of the ICLR offer, click on **this link**, which will take you to an online landing page with explanatory material and a form to complete.

Goodbye to our Librarian

Master Sally Smith, Master of the Library, writes

As many readers will know by now, Margaret Clay is retiring at the end of July. She was in fact due to leave us two months ago, but very kindly offered to stay on, when we were all hit by COVID-19, to see the Library through this difficult period.

Margaret has been the Inn's Librarian for almost thirty years. She has been at the forefront of all the technological advances in law libraries that that period has seen, and it has been under her leadership that the Inner Temple Library had developed into the wonderful institution it is today.

She has had a roller-coaster of a time during the last few years with the development of Project Pegasus, and has masterminded the truly monumental move out of the Library building in the Inn and into the temporary one in Fetter Lane. She has done all this with great efficiency and fortitude in circumstances which must sometimes have seemed overwhelming, and we owe her a great deal of gratitude.

Barristers, students and other users of the Library during her long tenure have cause to be indebted to her for her diligence and dedication; her legacy will continue for a very long time.

Quite simply, it is difficult to imagine the Library without her.

She will be writing her own farewell letter in the October issue of the Newsletter, but we could not let this one go by without saying "Thank you" and wishing her the happiest of retirements.

Adrian Blunt - a Vote of Thanks

Adrian Blunt, our former Deputy Librarian, has been an invaluable contributor to Library projects ever since he retired in 2006. Prominent among his many admirable qualities were, and are, his close attention to detail and his felicitous use of English. He has edited and updated, on a quarterly basis, over 400 entries in AccessToLaw, including those in some of the more complex sections such as Courts and Tribunals and Regulatory Law. His thoughtful articles on AccessToLaw have been a regular feature of this Newsletter, and he was responsible for a thoroughgoing revision of our Guide to Sources of Transcripts for its current edition. As from the end of this month Adrian has decided that it is time to concentrate on projects of his own. We will miss being able to seek Adrian's advice on matters relating to UK and overseas law, and his ability to write on difficult subjects in a clear, concise and intelligible manner.

Online Training for New Pupils

On 23 July Library staff ran a legal research training session for new pupils via Zoom. The aim of the session was to give pupils a "refresher" on key aspects of legal research to prepare them for their new role. This was to have taken place in the spring, but had to be postponed because of the COVID-19 crisis.

Meet the Team

Name and job title:
Michael, Assistant Librarian.

How long have you worked in the Library?
33 years come this autumn.

Favourite part of your job?
Cataloguing, the Cinderella of the library world.

What is the strangest thing you have found in the library?
A rucksack containing (as far as I recall) nothing but a pair of black lacey knickers.

What books did you intend to read during lockdown but totally didn't?
Dickens: Bleak House.

What historical figure would you like to meet?
Pope Paul VI, if only to ask "What on Earth were you thinking?"

What is your favourite film/tv show?
Terence Davies's film *The Long Day Closes*.

What is your favourite book?
If favourite equates with most often re-read, then *The Bell* by Iris Murdoch or *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark.

If you weren't an excellent librarian, what would your dream job be?
In my dreams I would have a sufficient private income. Otherwise, I've been told I would make a very good music critic. I certainly like to criticise ...



New Students: Virtual Induction

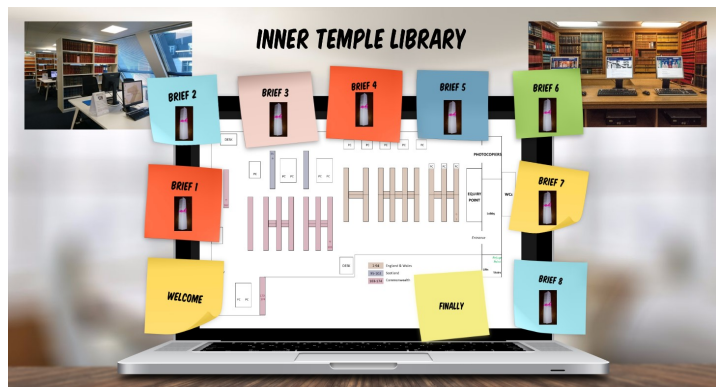
We are developing a virtual induction to the Library for Inner Temple Bar students starting their course this autumn. This will be a themed presentation which we hope will provide an easy and entertaining way for students to learn how to make the best use of their Inn's Library.

Discussions have been held with the London Bar schools about how to run the annual presentation on the Inns of Court Libraries. Together with colleagues from Middle Temple and Lincoln's Inn we have carried this out for many years and are keen to continue, even with the current restrictions on live meetings. The intention is to do this via Zoom so that the session remains interactive. Planning is under way to make a similar presentation available to Bar schools outside London.

Virtual Tours for Prospective Members

We have always enjoyed meeting prospective members and showing them what a fantastic Library the Inn has. We have in the past done these tours in person, but as this has not been possible recently, in July we held our first virtual Library tour.

We designed the virtual tour for prospective members using the presentation platform, Prezi, and presented the tour over a Zoom video call. We aimed to make the tour informal, yet informative, highlighting the amazing resources that the Inner Temple Library holds, and the help that the librarians can offer. We hope that this will be beneficial to our members throughout their professional careers.



We are always seeking new ways to communicate with Library users; the lockdown has increased the need for technological innovation and given the Library the opportunity to experiment with a variety of methods.

Subject Guides

Library staff have continued to publish guides to locating online materials in various overseas jurisdictions. Since the last Newsletter guides have been produced for **Australia**, **Hong Kong** and **India**.

The guides include subscription databases and free websites and cover law reports, judgments, legislation, commentary materials and research guides. We hope that library users will find them helpful in tracking down what can be hard to find materials.

Meet the Team

Name and job title

James, Senior Library Assistant.

How long have you worked in the Library?

6 months.

Fave part of your job?

I haven't been here so long, but favourite moment was when showing potential students around, at how amazed they were at the depth of Commonwealth materials we hold.

What books did you intend to read during lockdown but totally didn't?

I stated reading Stephen Kings "The Stand" and intended to finish it. But when page after page read like the evening news, I had to put it down. Haven't gone back to a book since!

What historical figure would you like to meet?

Assurbanipal, one of the quite brutal kings of Assyria. He did have a renowned Library though.

What is your fave film/tv show?

The US Office, and the film I go back to the most is Predator — classic Arnie.

If you weren't an excellent librarian, what would your dream job be?

Film director / Art Historian living on a vineyard in the South of France, with a private tennis court where I could practice Stan Wawrinka style backhands.



eResource Training

Working with the database providers, the Library is offering eResource training for Inner Temple members. Please contact tdennis@innertemple.org.uk if you are interested in web-based training on Lexis®Library & Lexis®PSL, Westlaw & Practical Law, or JustisOne.

Meet the Team

Name and job title

Tina, Library Administrator.

How long have you worked in the Library?

16 years.

Fave part of your job?

Variation of tasks and dealing with different people.

What is the strangest thing you have found in the library?

Socks.

What books did you intend to read during lockdown but totally didn't?

Pepys: Diary.

What historical figure would you like to meet?

Henry VIII.

What is your fave film/tv show?

Stand By Me / Narcos.

If you weren't an excellent librarian, what would your dream job be?

Travel photographer.

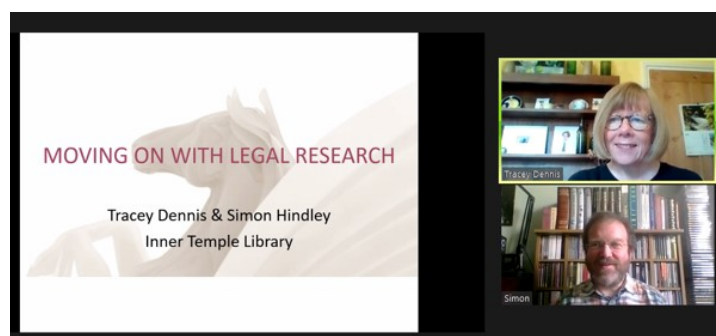


Legal Research Qualifying Session via Zoom

On 11 June Library staff ran a legal research qualifying session for BPTC students. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, this was hosted on Zoom.

The session continued the basic legal research training we delivered in autumn last year. Topics covered included finding historical versions of legislation; looking for commencement dates; tracking the judicial history of a case; finding precedent documents; and tracing Parliamentary debates.

Sixty students attended the session, and there were several interesting questions at the end.



Meet the Team

Name and job title
Sally, Assistant Librarian.

How long have you worked in the Library?
I'm not sure, but back when I started it was definitely all fields.

Fave part of your job?
Research and social media.

What books did you intend to read during lockdown but totally didn't?
I was going to tackle Jung's Red Book, but I played Animal Crossing instead.

What historical figure would you like to meet?
Livia Drusilla, wife of Caesar Augustus, but only the I, Claudius version.

What is your fave film/tv show?
Better Call Saul.

If you weren't an excellent librarian, what would your dream job be?
I would be a Scandinavian detective with excellent jumpers or a blood splatter analyst.



How To...

We have produced a series of daily "How-To's" on various areas of legal research. These answer questions we as Library staff are frequently asked. The sources suggested are not intended to be exhaustive; rather they are sources that we have found to be most useful. They include free web-based sources, hard copy materials and subscription-based databases.

Meet the Team

Name and job title
Tracey, Deputy Librarian.

How long have you worked in the Library?
In my current position 13 years but also for 4 years in another position.

Fave part of your job?
Meeting prospective members and then training students and pupils in legal research.

What is the strangest thing you have found in the library?
Shaving foam; carrots and a hounous dip.

What books did you intend to read during lockdown but totally didn't?
Unfortunately because of cataracts I can't read at the moment but I wanted to read The Handmaid's Tale.

What historical figure would you like to meet?
Emil Zátopek - an amazing runner and Olympian.

What is your fave film/tv show?
The Prisoner.

If you weren't an excellent librarian, what would your dream job be?
Professional runner. I probably would not be fast enough but I do love running.



HOW TO find an S.I. by title

HOW TO find an unreported case

HOW TO find the judgments and opinions of the European Court of Justice (ECJ)

FREE WEB SOURCES

Curia website - has transcripts of decisions from 1954 onwards. The search box allows you to search by parties, date, subject and case number. Also includes numerical lists of cases which are useful as they indicate whether the case is still pending or if it has been removed from the register of cases.

EUR-Lex - has ECJ cases from 1954 onwards. You can search by case number, subject or by date. To do this go to EU Case-law. Then select Search in case-law.

HARD COPY SOURCES

European Court Reports (ECR) - from 1954 to 2011

Common Market Law Reports (CMLR) - these reports contain selected ECJ decisions from 1962 onwards.

All England Reports: European Cases (All ER (EC)) - these reports contain selected ECJ decisions from 1995 onwards.

SUBSCRIPTION DATABASE SOURCES

Lawtel EU - includes coverage of all ECJ cases (except staff cases) from 1954 onwards. For cases prior to 1989 the information available may be more limited. Cases can be searched by case number, parties and subject. Coverage includes judgments and opinions.

Lexis Library - includes ECJ cases from 1954 onwards and the All England Reports European Cases from 1995 onwards. You can search for cases by case number, parties and subject. Coverage includes judgments and opinions.

Westlaw UK - includes ECJ cases from 1954 onwards and CMLR from 1962 onwards. You can search for cases by case number, parties and subject. Coverage includes judgments and opinions.

AccessToLaw: Hong Kong

On 1 July 1997 sovereignty over the British Dependent Territory of Hong Kong was transferred from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China. The Basic Law, a national law of China which is sometimes described as Hong Kong's de facto constitution, came into force on that date, establishing the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC and implementing the terms of the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration, an international treaty which guarantees the continuation for fifty years from handover of Hong Kong's existing way of life, including its legal system.

A broad overview of Hong Kong's legal system, sources of law, and a number of specific legal topics, is provided by the **Community Legal Information Centre**, a site created by a team at the University of Hong Kong. There are links to sources throughout.

The most comprehensive collection of primary legal sources is on the website of the Hong Kong Legal Information Institute (HKLII). **HKLII** (pronounced as if it were a Chinese personal name, "H. K. Lee") contains extensive databases of court and tribunal judgments, arbitration decisions, constitutional instruments, ordinances, regulations, treaties, practice directions and law reform publications.

Some of the content available on HKLII is taken from other original sources. One of these, maintained by the University of Hong Kong Libraries, is **Historical Laws of Hong Kong Online**. This is a searchable database giving access to the seven consolidations of the Laws of Hong Kong published between 1890 and 1964 (the last being updated to 1989). Another is the **Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong**. Besides the full texts of its consultations and reports, the Commission's own site has much additional information, for example on implementation and on current projects.

Another major source for legislation is **Hong Kong e-Legislation** (HKeL). This "official electronic database", produced by the Department of Justice, is a recent replacement for the earlier Bilingual Laws Information System (BLIS) which some readers may recall. It provides current and past (point-in-time) versions of consolidated legislation dating back to 30 June 1997, together with constitutional instruments, various indices and tables, and glossaries of legal terms.

New legislation is published in the form of Legal Supplements to Hong Kong's official gazette. The **Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette** website has these from May 2000 onwards, both browsable and searchable.

The text of the Basic Law is widely available online, including on several of the sites mentioned above, but we also provide an entry for the Hong Kong government's official **Basic Law** website. Additional content there besides the text includes a "Basic Law Court Case Database" of decisions relating to its interpretation.

Hong Kong's legislature, originally established in 1843, is commonly referred to simply as "LegCo", though its full official name is the **Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China**. The current 2016-2020 Legislative Council, the sixth since handover, is now prorogued pending elections in September. Site content includes Bills, Hansard and subsidiary legislation of the current Council, and older material covering not only the earlier post-handover Councils back to 1998 but also colonial era Legislative Council sittings from 1858 to 1997.

Hong Kong's highest court, the **Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal** (HKCFA or CFA), was created in 1997 to take over the role of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. A comprehensive database of the CFA's judgments 1997 onwards is maintained on the HKLII site, but the CFA site has a Recent Judgments page, containing judgments made in the current or last month which may be too recent to have been published yet on HKLII. There is also information on the CFA's jurisdiction, constitution, procedures and judiciary.

The **Judiciary** has a site of its own, containing information such as court forms, cause lists and annual reports, as well as providing access to materials which are also readily accessible elsewhere, on HKLII or other sites, such as judgments and practice directions.

There are entries finally for the two main branches of the legal profession, the **Hong Kong Bar Association** and the **Law Society of Hong Kong**, and for the **Hong Kong Maritime Law Association**, whose site includes lists, with links, of the main Hong Kong ordinances relating to maritime law.

AccessToLaw: Hong Kong

Working from Home during COVID-19

Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes

Working from home has been an interesting experience for me as I have never done this before. There were plenty of challenges but overall the experience has been positive. The Library team worked very well together – almost as smoothly as if we were in the Library itself. We developed procedures to ensure that our users still received an excellent service and found new ways to cooperate with the other Inn Libraries.

I was able to use my time productively at home and finished some projects I had been mulling over for some time. Examples include developing a virtual tour for prospective members, and compiling guides for locating materials from various overseas jurisdictions.

I became familiar with using Zoom for meetings with Library colleagues and with staff in other departments. A very positive experience was taking part in a legal research qualifying session, hosted on Zoom. It was a little daunting at first talking to an audience that was not actually in front of me, but it went well, and I am looking forward to using Zoom for other activities when the new Bar students start in the autumn.

I am looking forward to going back to the Library as I do miss the interaction with colleagues and users, but the enforced change in my working environment has had many positive outcomes.

Tina Williams, Library Administrator, writes

Working from home during lockdown has been an interesting episode in my time working for the Inn. Though it has been strange not to be at work, and I have missed my colleagues, having more time at home without the stress of travelling into London every day has actually been a much-needed break. There have been challenges with keeping a life/work balance but overall it has been a positive experience for me.

From the first day, with the help of the Inn's fantastic IT team, I was set up and ready to go. With access to my PC at work I was able to carry on with my administrative tasks, which have included updating the Library website. As the Coronavirus situation developed and government advice changed on a regular basis, so did our response to it: opening up our document supply service, waiving the usual fees, negotiating free access to some subscription databases, and giving out much free advice on many and various topics.

A lot of tasks have had to be performed online, such as dealing with invoices, hosting meetings, helping to put together online presentations for legal research training, and of course preparing the Library for reopening with all the required precautions in place.

All the work behind the scenes by our staff has, we hope, enabled us to continue to provide a service that was almost as good being in the Library itself. We look forward to welcoming you back soon: please see our website for details of our current [temporary opening times](#).

James Rowles, Senior Library Assistant, writes

Well, haven't the last few months been decidedly different?

From trying to source a desk (which took me two months after it got lost in the supply chain) to using the ubiquitous Zoom; and experiencing glorious sunshine for months on end without being able to go out and enjoy it, apart from my daily exercise on empty roads, trying to improve my (slow) 5k time. It all does feel a bit like a dream now.

I only joined the Library staff in December 2019, so I have officially worked in lockdown longer than I had worked in the Library itself. I hadn't known my colleagues for very long when we went into lockdown, so building up new professional relationships solely through electronic means has been a new challenge for me.

Also, being so new to the Library, I didn't know the answers to many of the questions that arose, so it was a bit daunting having always to ask colleagues what the answers were, or if I had the correct material. I am pleased to say they always helped and didn't show (at least publicly!) any displeasure.

I think what has stood out is how the Inns' Libraries have cooperated through lockdown. It wasn't easy going at first: confusion abounded as to who was to do what, where and when, but over time we have managed to come up with a workable system for supplying members with the materials they need.

Now as we are taking steps towards reopening into a world of face masks and Perspex screens, I think, as many have said, the biggest challenges could be yet to come. We shall see.