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Summer Opening

During August and early September, the Library at 10 Fetter Lane will be open from 9.00am to 5.30pm.

[This calendar](#) shows the different opening patterns for each of the Inn Libraries in the coming weeks.

Note that our [document supply service](#) operates from 9.00am to 5.00pm only.

Although we are all eager for the Library to return to the Temple, as the mercury rises, why not come and enjoy one last summer in the air-conditioned calm of our temporary Library at Fetter Lane?

Library Services and COVID-19

In line with government Roadmap Step 4 our services are gradually returning to normal. Some changes to note:

- Seating will no longer be allocated; hand gel and antibacterial products will remain available for you to clean computer equipment and desk areas before use, should you wish to do so.
- Enhanced cleaning of the building, particularly 'touchpoints', will continue.
- We are pleased to be able to reinstate [overnight loans](#) to barristers, and reintroduce our daily newspapers.
- Screens will remain in place and Library staff will continue to wear masks when moving around the Library space. We encourage users to do likewise when not seated.
- We will no longer be taking 'track and trace' details as you enter, although the NHS QR code will still be available to scan on arrival.
- From 26 July we will resume charging for our document supply service, onsite copying, and printing. Charges for [document supply](#), [printing](#) and [copying and scanning](#) are on our website.

Legal Research Training - Qualifying Sessions

Library staff will be offering legal research qualifying sessions in the autumn.

The dates are 16 September and 20 October. Students should contact the Education & Training Department to book places.

The autumn sessions cover basic legal research such as deciphering legal abbreviations, understanding the hierarchy of law reports, finding different versions of legislation and how to select appropriate materials. Later in the academic year, a more advanced session will be offered.

Feedback from previous sessions has included: "Heartfelt thanks for a fantastically well-organised Legal Research Training QS - every bit appreciated."

Library Inductions for New Students

The Library is planning inductions for new students in the autumn.

By way of a less traditional approach, we will be running two 'Mission Impossible' themed inductions via Zoom. These will be held on 22 September and 7 October at 6.00pm.

We ran these for the first time last year and they were popular; comments included: "Thank you for a very informative and fun 'Mission Impossible' Library Induction session" and "It was extremely informative and engaging!"

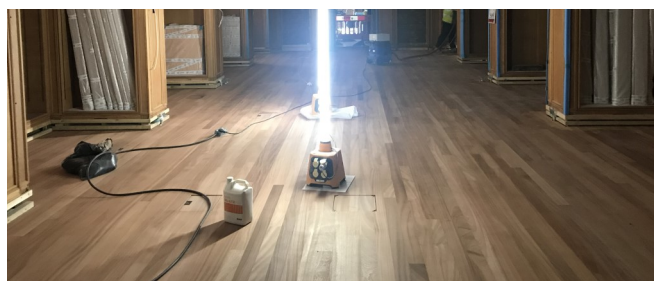
If you would like it to participate in a 'Mission Impossible' induction, please contact jrowles@innertemple.org.uk indicating your preferred date.

The Zoom session will last around 45 minutes.

Project Pegasus Update

Rob Hodgson, The Librarian, writes

Work on the refurbished Library continues at pace, and during a recent site visit I was able to see the space emerging. Fortunately, a suggestion in *The Times* earlier this year that the Library had been destroyed and replaced by teaching facilities turned out to be journalistic hyperbole, and I was delighted to discover that the Library was indeed awaiting our return. From the reinstated joinery (including the integration of new rare book cupboards and older card catalogues into the bays) to the new ceilings and sapele floors, the work is of excellent quality and will only be improved by the return of the book stock. Ahead of reoccupation later this year, some of the collections are being recalled from storage in August to give us a head start on sorting and organising. When the first boxes of books arrive back on site after more than two years in storage, it will really feel as if we are in the home straight. One tentative step at a time: the first recall will be a meagre half a kilometre (or so) of books!



Room D with sapele floor



Library bays (Librarian shown for scale)

BIALL Conference 2021

Library staff attended the annual conference of the [British & Irish Association of Law Librarians](#), which took place virtually between 9 and 11 June.

Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes

I attended sessions across the three days. One of the talks considered *The Future of Legal Education for a Changing Profession*. This made some interesting points about changes in legal education and how law libraries will have to adapt in response. This might involve broadening what the role of a law library should be, for instance by doing more to support students in enhancing their employability.

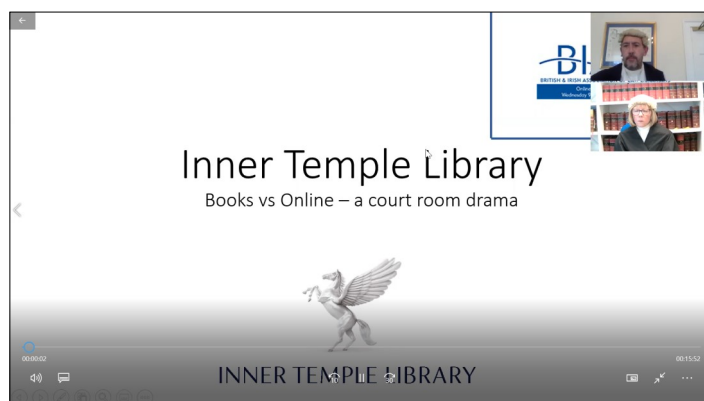
Another illuminating session was titled *The Law Librarian of the Future*. Here the presenter talked about the need to reshape expectations of the role of the information professional. Other points made included the need to improve communications with stakeholders and to develop a consultative mindset, so that information staff are aware of what users' needs are. All of these issues seem to me to be important in keeping library services relevant in a changing environment.

James Rowles, Senior Library Assistant, writes

Tracey and I gave a 'lightning talk' at this year's virtual BIALL Conference. This was entitled *Books v. Online*, and the rules stated that it should last not more than 15 minutes.

The theme of our talk was that libraries such as ours still need access to hard copy collections, and we gave various reasons (with illustrative examples) why it is necessary to have recourse to printed sources. In addition we included several 'expert witness' statements from Library users.

To make the presentation more interesting to the viewer we staged it as a court case, with Tracey and I playing the roles of Counsel defending the user of hard copy materials. We even borrowed wigs and gowns from the Education and Training Department in order to look the part.



The talk was not given live at the conference; we filmed it a few weeks in advance and submitted it to be screened on the day. I think this made the process slightly less stressful than a strictly live performance.

We had some great feedback both during and after the screening of the talk: one overseas attendee commented that the talk was "Very creative and [I'm] loving the other jurisdiction references." Another viewer enthused: "Rumpole would be proud of them! Stellar performances."



Meet the Team

We asked the Library staff some questions. Here are their answers:

How long have you worked in the Library?

James - 19 months

Michael - Getting on for 34 years

Rob - 8 months

Sally - Since I was knee-high to a grasshopper

Simon - 33 years

Tina - 17 years

Tracey - 15 years as deputy; 4 years in the early 1990s in a different role



James



Michael

Favourite part of your job?

James - Helping others find materials that they need

Michael - Cataloguing: the Cinderella of the library world

Rob - The look on a Library users' face when you present them with the information they had all but given up on finding. Any (reasonable) enquiry that begins "I appreciate this is extremely unlikely, but..." Equally intangible, the feeling of satisfaction that comes with working in a quiet Library during a thunderstorm.

Sally - Research and learning new things all the time

Simon - Finding obscure pieces of information

Tina - The variation of my work, and helping staff

Tracey - Organising and conducting legal research training; meeting new members

Most interesting enquiry that you can recall?

James - Looking for Rules of Court that were issued under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1875

Michael - I can't remember how it was expressed, but it involved locating a charter of Elizabeth I to the island of Jersey: which I found within the Library's own collection

Rob - Before her recent public re-emergence, I was once asked (by a GDL student) how to reference the lyrics of Britney Spears using the OSCOLA citation system. Apparently, the lyrics contained 'valid comment' related to the Offences Against the Person Act 1861. Another favourite enquiry: "Did Pie Powder courts deal exclusively with travellers and pedlars? Are there any extant records?" The courts were much wider in their remit and there are several sources available to the researcher. To give one example, mid fifteenth-century records from the [Pie Powder Courts of Southampton](#). Helpfully, they are also translated in Southampton Record Series vol. 44, which will be available in the Library when we return to our Temple home.

Sally - Um ... I have a terrible memory but I had one recently where I had to try and track down a bunch of codes from Serbia.

Simon - "When was the practice of burying suicides under a crossroads abolished?"

Tracey - Find an expert witness on a certain part of the male anatomy



Rob



Tracey

Meet the Team

What are you most looking forward to doing post-pandemic?

James - Being able to do things on the spur of the moment without lots of planning beforehand

Michael - Being able to socialize (OK, I mean drink) during concert intervals

Rob - With my 'library hat' on: welcoming users back to our permanent home and operating an unfettered library service. Also, after 8 months in post, it will be extremely refreshing to meet with colleagues whom I have not yet encountered in person!

Sally - Going to the theatre and seeing excellent plays. Also, interval ice cream

Simon - (See photo below)

Tina - Travelling abroad and seeing large groups of friends

Tracey - Freedom to go anywhere I want without social distancing and wearing a mask



Sally



Simon

What are your Desert Island Disc picks?

James - Any old 80s pop will do

Michael - If I could have only one, I think I would cheat slightly and take a mash-up of the best bits of Bach's two Passions

Rob - My answer to this changes with the wind. At present, 2020 by Richard Dawson, Green Mind by Dinosaur Jr, and Led Zeppelin IV. For a desert island I would have to smuggle ashore a compilation of long, narrative folk songs.

Sally - Difficult one! Lately mostly lots of girl groups - Le Tigre, Au Pairs, Sleater-Kinney, Thee Headcoatees

Simon - They get eight, don't they?

John Zorn/George Lewis/Bill Frisell: News for Lulu

David Murray Quartet: Shakill's Warrior

Sonny Rollins: Saxophone Colossus

Junior Wells: Hoodoo Man Blues

Professor Longhair: House Party New Orleans Style

Hank Mobley: Soul Station

Thelonious Monk: Monk's Music

Hound Dog Taylor and the HouseRockers: Natural Boogie

Tina - The Smiths: Cemetery Gates

The Stone Roses: I am the Resurrection

The Boo Radleys: Lazarus

Arctic Monkeys: I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor

ELO: Mr Blue Sky

Johnny Cash: Folsom Prison Blues

+ lots of others

Tracey - I was young in the 1980s, so Queen, Culture Club, The Communards, The Smiths, Soft Cell, King

What is your most-used emoji?

James - Emoji? What, pray, is an emoji?

Michael - Can't stand them as a rule, but I am quite fond of ;-> and gold star

Sally - This guy 😬 I used to think it represented the grin of someone who was perhaps taking liberties. I have since found out it is actually a grimacing face, but I have continued to overuse it in all contexts

Simon - Emoji???

Tina - 🤔

Tracey - 👍 and ❤️



Tina

Tracey's 15th Anniversary

Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes

I had not given much thought to any upcoming significant dates until I read about my 15th anniversary in Inner View. My usual way of measuring time is to look at my son. When I became Deputy Librarian in 2006 he was not yet 4 years old and had not started school. Now he is 18 and about to embark on an apprenticeship. That's how I know the years have flown by.

Looking back now there are so many things to comment on that make me very proud to be part of the Library team at the Inner Temple.

Our Current Awareness blog started in 2007 and has proved to be incredibly successful. Legal research training has developed over the years to include qualifying sessions in London and visits to Newcastle and Birmingham; we now offer skills training for pupils and, as of March 2021, sessions for the new ICCA course students.

Over the years we have embarked on many outreach activities with the help of the Education & Training Department. We offer tours (in person and virtual) to prospective members, and Library staff have spoken at the Inn's Q & A day and have taken overseas visitors around the Library.

The Library team has won awards from the British & Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) and in 2017 our then Librarian was named BIALL/Wildy Law Librarian of the Year.

I have developed a taste for public speaking and have had many opportunities over the years to talk to new Bar students and other information professionals, and to present at conferences. Just recently my colleague James and I gave a talk at the annual BIALL Conference. This was presented as

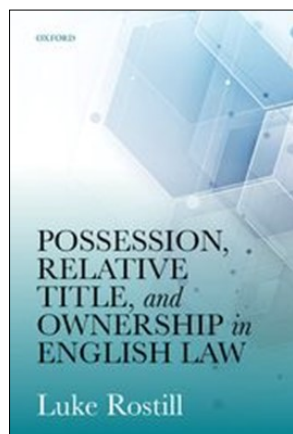
a courtroom drama in which we defended the need for hard-copy collections. The talk received enthusiastic feedback and was an excellent opportunity to wear a wig and gown. Back in 2006 such things would have been quite stressful; now I relish this aspect of my job very much.

All of this makes me grateful I took up the post in 2006. The last 15 years have gone by in a flash but it has been a great time for me professionally and working with a brilliant team has made this possible and enjoyable too.

Finally, I couldn't possibly write about the last 15 years without mentioning the dressing-up. Over the years I have been a Christmas elf, a [corpse](#) [bride](#) and Hannibal Lecter: all in the interests of promoting the Library and hopefully raising a smile or two. With Hallowe'en only a few months away, watch this space!

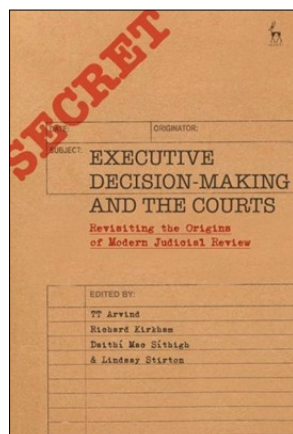


New Acquisitions



Luke Rostill's *Possession, Relative Title and Ownership in English Law* (Oxford: based on the author's D. Phil. thesis of 2016) is concerned with two foundational principles of English property law: the principle of relativity of title and the principle that possession is a source of title. It is impossible to understand the relationship between possession and ownership in English law unless one has a

sound understanding of these principles. Yet the principles have been interpreted in different ways by judges, practitioners and academics. Rostill seeks to illuminate this area of law by addressing four questions: (1) What is possession? (2) What is the nature of the title acquired through possession? (3) What are the grounds of relativity of title? and (4) What is the relationship between relativity of title and ownership?

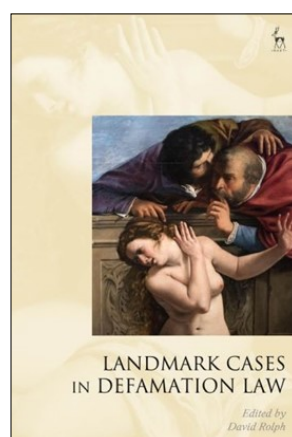


In *Executive Decision-Making and the Courts: Revisiting the Origins of Modern Judicial Review*, edited by T.T. Arvind and others (Hart), leading experts from across the common law world assess the impact of a 'Quartet' of seminal House of Lords judgments decided in the 1960s: *Ridge v. Baldwin*, *Padfield v. Minister of Agriculture*, *Conway v. Rimmer*, and *Anisminic v. Foreign Compensation Commission*.

The 'Quartet' is generally acknowledged to have marked a turning point in the development of court-centred administrative law, and can be understood as a 'formative moment' in the emergence of modern judicial review. These cases are examined not only in terms of the points each case decided, and their contribution to administrative law doctrine, but also in terms of the underlying conception of the tasks of administrative law implicit in the judgments.

Joshua Hitchens and Niamh Daly's *Forced Marriage Law and Practice* (Bloomsbury Professional) provides a comprehensive and practical treatment of this area of law and practice, an awareness of what remedies may be available and how they may be obtained, and how best to defend an application or prosecution.

Part I discusses the definition of forced marriage, and sets out the law in three broad chapters: prevention, punishment, and matrimonial consequences of a forced marriage (i.e. the availability of decrees of nullity and declarations of non-recognition). Part II examines the most appropriate remedies in terms of the nature of the conduct in question. Human rights issues are also covered. Part III covers the procedure and relevant law for bringing and defending forced marriage-related applications in the Family Courts, and includes precedents. Part IV describes the procedure and law for bringing and defending criminal prosecutions in relation to forced marriage. Part V discusses Court of Protection proceedings in the context of forced marriage. In Part VI the authors consider best practice in the context of international cooperation, the role of agencies, and possible civil liabilities arising from failure to protect.



Landmark Cases in Defamation Law, edited by David Rolph (Hart) is a diverse and engaging collection that brings together eminent scholars from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand to analyse cases of enduring significance to defamation law. The cases selected have all had a significant impact on defamation law, not only in the jurisdiction in which they were

decided but internationally. Given the formative influence of English defamation law in the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, the focus is predominantly on English cases, although decisions of the United States and Australia are also included in the collection. The authors all naturally share a common interest in defamation law but bring different expertise and emphasis to their respective chapters.

Our thanks are due to the following for kindly presenting to the Library books for which they bear responsibility: Master John Baker for his *English Law under Two Elizabeths: the Late Tudor Legal World and the Present* (Hamlyn Lectures); Master Julia Dias for *Carver on Charterparties*, 2nd edition; Master John Kimbell for *Marsden and Gault on Collisions at Sea*, 15th edition; Master Francis Reynolds for *Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency*, 22nd edition; and Master Edward Cazalet for his autobiography, *Weighing In*.

A list of [new law titles and editions](#) received from April to June is available on our website.