

NEWSLETTER

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Opening Hours

The Library is open 9.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Thursday, 9.00am to 7.00pm Friday.

Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries is open from 10.00am to 5.00pm on each Saturday during the legal terms.

May

7 May	Gray's Inn*
14 May	Inner Temple*
21 May	Lincoln's Inn*
28 May	Inner Temple

June

4 June	CLOSED
11 June	Lincoln's Inn
18 June	Middle Temple
25 June	Gray's Inn

July

2 July	Inner Temple
9 July	Lincoln's Inn
16 July	Middle Temple
23 July	Gray's Inn
30 July	CLOSED

*Please note the change of order

[This timetable](#) gives the latest details of the Saturday opening of all four Inn Libraries.



Library staff welcome you back to the Temple

A Tale of a Tape-Measure

Rob Hodgson, Librarian, writes

The Library has moved, or more accurately, returned.

As I look back, the start of the reoccupation process in early February already seems a lifetime ago. Many tales of the Library move remain untold. Most will have to wait until the river of time has worn the sharp edges from our memories. Maybe then, the stories can take their place in Library folklore. I say maybe as I still haven't fully ruled out a 'Secret Librarian'-style exposé ...

For most of the Library team it is lovely to be back; for the rest, it is equally lovely to be here for the first time! Long-time users will notice a few tweaks to the ceiling and room configuration, but should rest assured that all the collections are back onsite. Thanks to a large new Basement Store and Reading Room, the legal materials you know and love are readily available. Even the resources that you do *not yet* know you need are accessible (when you realise that you need them).



Signwriter at work



Steve the carpenter re-covering the Enquiry Point desks



Ian the electrician wiring the table lamps



Empty shelves to fill

A Tale of a Tape-Measure

The Library is both the same and different. For new Library users (or exceptionally unobservant former users) the altered ceiling will go unnoticed and they should feel immediately at home surrounded by the carefully reinstalled oak joinery. (That's the 'same'.) It is, dare I say, cosier. You can bring your (lidded) coffee into the Library rooms and charge your devices from the inlaid USB charging points in the refurbished tables or re-read that favourite case in the comfort of a sofa. (That's the 'different'.) For a much more complete list of what has and hasn't changed, see 'The Library - What's New and What's the Same?' on page 5 in this edition of the Newsletter.



Library users in Room D



Room D - now stocked with law reports



Room A with sofas



New monitor, with (now permitted) lidded cup of coffee

A new Graduate Trainee, Lily Rowe, will start working in the Library on 9 May and will be one of the first wave of new Inn team members who have not been part of the ups and downs of Project Pegasus. They will tire of us talking about it, the project will fade into the past, the upheaval forgotten, and the Library will once again be the information and resource hub for members present and future.

“It all fits, the tape-measure worked!” may have become my mantra in recent weeks ... only time will tell whether the return of the Library to the Temple will replace ‘rapid approach of a dissertation deadline’ as my go-to anxiety dream in the future.



James unpacking the card catalogue



Empty boxes to recycle



Tracey unpacking, sorting and repacking boxes of books to be distributed elsewhere in the building

The Library Move in Numbers



4,000+ Person hours



c2,745 Linear metres of books



2,686 Cardboard boxes



1,600+ Tea crates



28 Working days of closure



14 Refurbished tables



7 Increasingly frazzled librarians



3 Basement rooms restocked



2 New sofas



1 New/old Library reinstated/opened

Library Charter

We want to work in partnership with our users. The [Library Charter](#) will help us do this. It explains what the Library will do for you as a library user, and describes how you can help us to manage the Library more effectively.

Working together will enhance the experience of using the Library.

We welcome feedback from our users. So please let us know what you think. If you have a suggestion, comment or complaint about our services, you can let us know by using our suggestions box or by emailing library@inertemple.org.uk

The Library - What's New and What's the Same?

What's New

- **Entry** is now via the main Treasury Office entrance. Please sign in (digitally) at the reception desk.
- **Layout of rooms** has changed slightly, so please consult the [map](#) or ask staff if you need assistance to find materials.
- **Drinks** may now be brought into the Library, provided they are in lidded cups/bottles.
- We have added two **sofas** to Room A. The Legal Miscellany collection and a selection of new books are positioned near the sofas.
- We have a new **basement reading room** where users can consult Law Lists, Bar Directories and other materials.
- We have introduced a [Library Charter](#) which outlines how users and staff can work together to enhance the experience of using the Library.
- **Phone calls** may now be made in the lobby next to the photocopying room. Please note that this area is not sound-proofed.
- A **lending collection** containing books that reflect the Inn's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusivity (and general wellbeing) was introduced shortly before we left Fetter Lane; this is now located by the photocopying room. Please see opposite for details.

What's the Same

- Friendly enquiry service
- Document supply service for when you cannot come into the Library in person
- Plenty of seats and rooms to work in
- Newspapers and magazines to peruse
- Overnight loans to barristers have been re-introduced
- Up-to-date editions of textbooks
- Extensive archive of old editions of textbooks

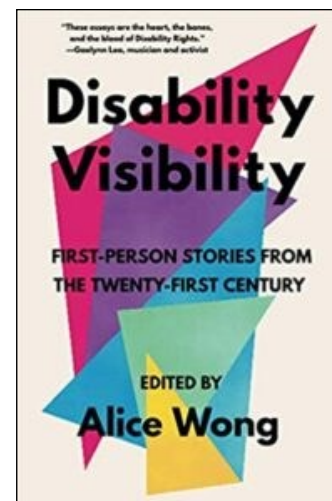
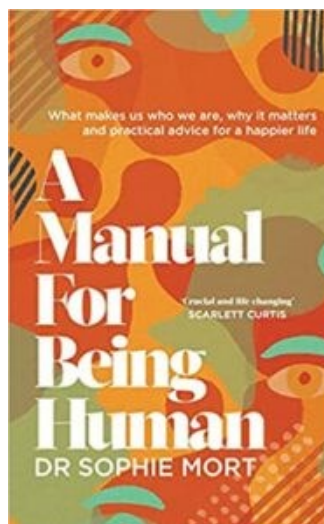
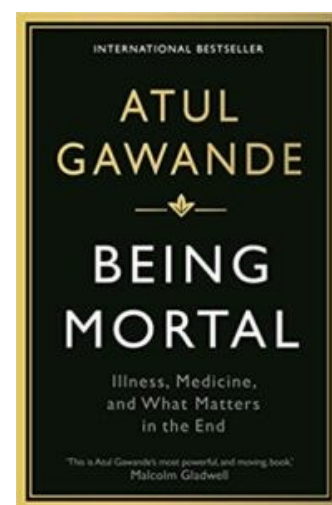
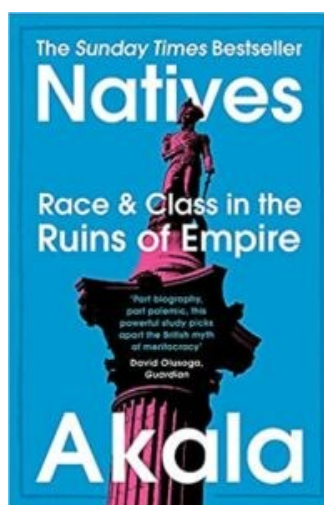
- Commonwealth collection
- Access to the main subscription databases

Lending Collection

The Library's new [lending collection](#) is intended for use by Inner Temple staff as well as by Library users.

These books are part of a general, developing collection of accessible and engaging materials intended to support self-guided learning and understanding of issues related to equality, diversity and inclusivity, and mental health and wellbeing, with a focus on lived experience.

Loans are on a trust basis - there are no forms to fill in - and the suggested loan period is three weeks.



Impressions on Being Back in the Temple

James Rowles, Senior Library Assistant, writes

As I joined the Inner Temple while the Library was decamped at Fetter Lane, the Library reopening in March 2022 was the first time that I had experienced the Library in its permanent home. Here are some of my first impressions.



View of the Master's Garden

First, I cannot recommend the location highly enough; with south facing views over the Inner Temple Garden and the Thames, and north facing views over the Temple Church and the Master's Garden, it is surely one of the best situated libraries in London. A downside, I guess for me anyway, is that I would be too tempted

to take in the views, instead of getting on with work, if I were a student or barrister user!

Secondly the Library has been noticeably busier than in the Fetter Lane days, with a steady flow of barrister and student members, many of the latter using the newly opened Library for the first time. There is more of a studious buzz in the Library than I had been used to, which makes for a more pleasant environment to work in, and it is more like I had expected when I first started in my current role in December 2019.

With more space available than at Fetter Lane had, it is good that more of the collections are on the open shelves. Legislation has returned, along with our Human Rights, EU and International Law collections, and Room D has our full run of Law Reports. This makes shelving considerably easier, as I don't have to shelve in separate locations as often, and from a user perspective, allows easier access to more of the materials they need.



View from Room C to Room D

Tracey Dennis, Deputy Librarian, writes

The day we re-opened the Library in the Temple was an occasion which I had long been anticipating. The three years at Fetter Lane went by quickly, but will be forever associated in my mind with COVID and the attendant disruption and difficulties. I felt a great sense of relief when we were finally open again in our old home.

Coming back was not without a feeling of trepidation, but now that we have been open for a few weeks I am feeling positive and filled with enthusiasm, not only to welcome back our regular patrons but also to meet new readers who never had the chance to use the Library before we moved to Fetter Lane.

The Library looks lovely and comments have been very encouraging. I am already busy showing off the space and explaining what is new but also what has stayed the same. Interactions so far have been extremely positive, and I am once again enjoying working in such an exceptional environment.

Change is always a bit nerve-racking, but being back in the Temple with the rest of the Inn and seeing many familiar faces coming through the entrance fills me with anticipation that the future is looking good.

One-to-One Database Training

Library staff can offer short one-to-one sessions on using the subscription databases.

These sessions will look at finding cases, legislation and commentary. We can also tailor the session to meet specific needs. We cannot undertake research at these sessions; rather they are aimed at helping our users navigate the databases more effectively.

Please contact trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk if you are interested.

Clerks' Tours and Training

We are offering short tours of the reopened Library for clerks so that they can find their bearings and locate the resources they need quickly and efficiently.

In the tour we will walk through the Library showing the locations of the various collections like the law reports, textbooks, and the Commonwealth material. We will also explain the scanning and photocopying procedures.

In addition to the tours, we will shortly be offering more formal training sessions focusing on deciphering legal citations that clerks might be asked for.

Any chambers who are interested should contact library@innertemple.org.uk.

Student Tours of the Library

We are offering students tours of the Library. Please contact tdennis@innertemple.org.uk to arrange a date and time and a member of the team will show you around.

Comments about the Reconfigured Library

"I thought the new building looked very attractive, and it was a relief to see how much material that I recognised from the old library is still there."

"Your Library is beautiful."

"It looks as grand and marvellous and modern and user friendly as ever."

"It's nice to be back."



Room C with 'mood lighting'

Legal Research Training

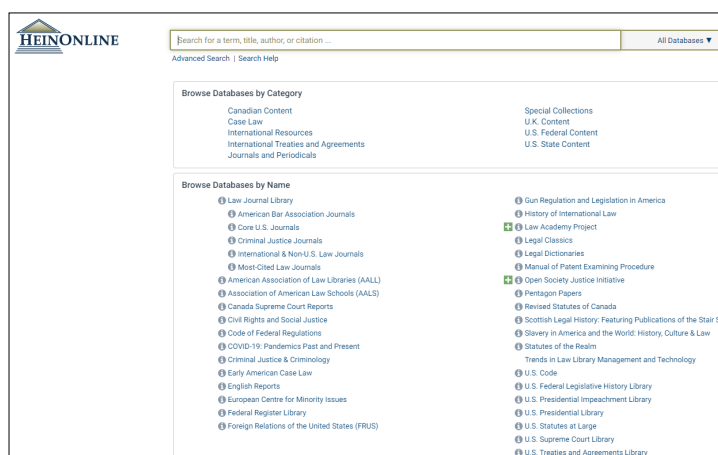
Library staff conducted a legal research Qualifying Session for regional students on 22 February. The session was conducted over Zoom, but it was the first session based in the new Library, which provided a more impressive backdrop than had been available during lockdown. The session covered selection of appropriate sources, databases, case law, legislation, and commentary materials, as well as a brief introduction to parliamentary and pre-legislative materials. If you are interested in training on these or other aspects of legal research, please contact Tracey Dennis: tdennis@innertemple.org.uk.

Database News

New Database Subscription

The Library now subscribes to **HeinOnline**. This is a multidisciplinary database that includes periodicals, international resources, case law, and much more. The content comprises fully searchable image-based PDFs which are exact facsimiles of their print counterparts. The Inner Temple Library's subscription includes *Law Journal Reports*, *Law Times Reports* and the *English Reports*. There is also a legal classics library which includes many law books which are difficult to copy because of age and/or poor quality paper.

There is a wealth of material available that researchers would find useful. Interesting titles include *Women's Suffrage Journal* (1871-1890), *Law Students' Journal* (1879-1917) and the *British Journal of Delinquency* (1950-60)



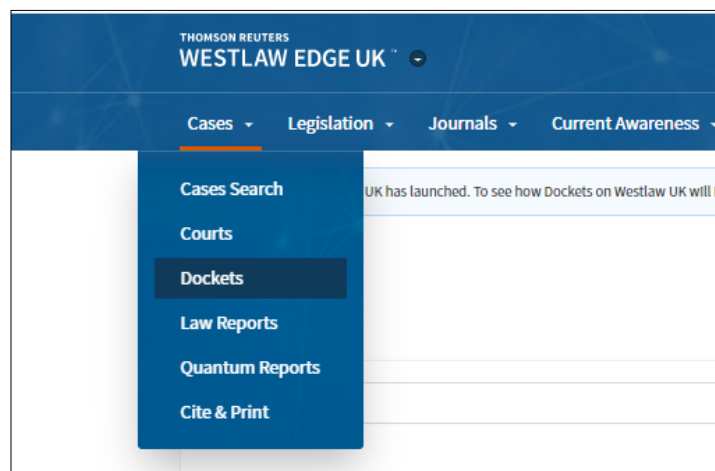
What's New on Westlaw

Westlaw has launched a UK Dockets service. A docket is a record of litigation events as a case goes through the courts, from when a claim is filed through to judgment. This service allows users to:

- create daily alerts on new cases, specific courts or parties, and other events
- track individual cases and be alerted to any changes

- access every step of the case journey, from a claim being filed to judgment, and through to the appeals process

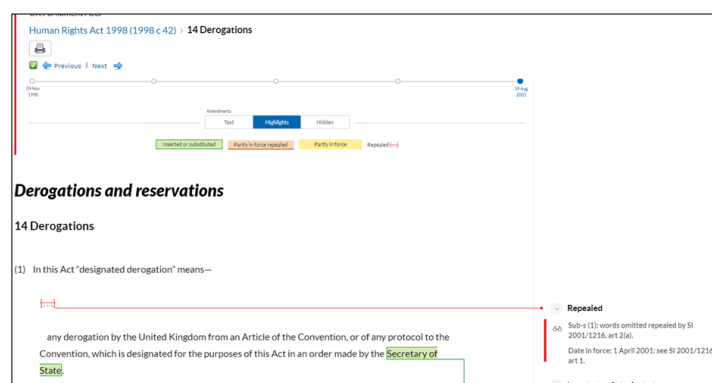
Access to UK Dockets is via the Cases menu.



What's New on LexisLibrary

LexisLibrary has introduced 'Inline Annotations' to Acts. This builds on the existing colour-coding of legislative changes by adding clear labelling of status and date in force information to each change and also providing easy, inline access to value-add annotations.

Clicking on 'Highlights' the user will see dotted lines leading to detailed information about the changes, which appear in the right-hand margin of the legislation text.



Tour of the Supreme Court and its Library

James Rowles, Senior Library Assistant, writes

On 8 April Rachel Watson, Assistant Librarian at the Supreme Court, kindly showed me around the Supreme Court and the Library.

We started in the Library, which extends over two floors in the heart of the building. As you can see in the picture (below) there is an installation at the top of the stairs leading to the upper gallery featuring favourite legal quotations of the original Justices at the time the court opened in 2009.



The Library is primarily used by the judicial assistants and justices of the Supreme Court and holds a wealth of UK textbooks, along with a not inconsiderable collection from other common law jurisdictions. Rachel said that since COVID and the lockdowns they have greatly increased the use of online sources.

Opinions on the matter vary, but I liked the contrast between the colourful carpet, featuring the emblems of the four nations of the UK, with the darker hue of the books on the lower level.



The carpet, designed by Peter Blake (who also designed the cover for The Beatles' album *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*) is a recurring feature throughout the building.

We also visited the three court rooms within the Supreme Court, including court room three (below) which is used by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, when it acts as the final court of appeal for various Commonwealth jurisdictions. This was of particular interest to me, coming from the Inner Temple, as our own Library is responsible for many of these jurisdictions (for example the Cayman Islands, Trinidad & Tobago and Saint Lucia) under the Inns of Court specialisation scheme.



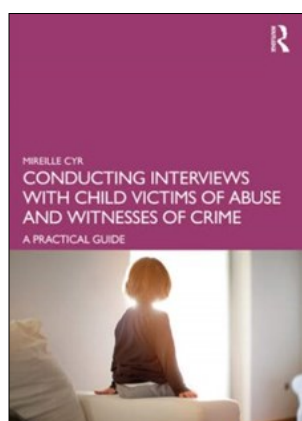
The Supreme Court is a very open and welcoming building to visit: one can see the effort that has been made to demystify its role, for the benefit of the public, and I recommend it if you get the chance to join one of the public tours on a Friday afternoon, or to while away some hours in the public galleries of the courts.

New Acquisitions



With online courts now moving from idea to reality, we are looking at the most fundamental change to our justice system for centuries, but the public understanding of and debate about the revolution is only just beginning. In *Online Courts and the Future of Justice* (Oxford) Richard Susskind, a pioneer of

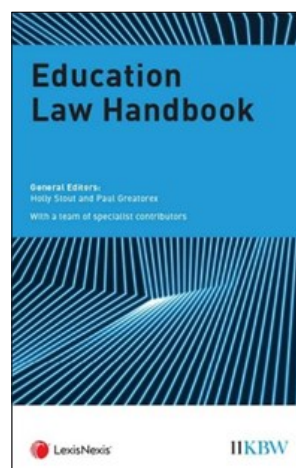
rethinking law for the digital age, confronts the challenges facing our legal system and the potential for technology to bring much-needed change. Drawing on years of experience leading the discussion on conceiving and delivering online justice, Susskind here charts and develops the public debate.



Based around the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Protocol, *Conducting Interviews with Child Victims of Abuse and Witnesses of Crime* (Routledge) is essential reading for stakeholders in the justice, social and health systems as well as anyone

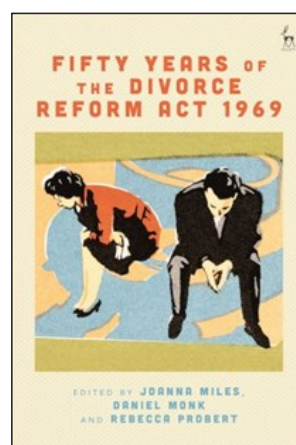
likely to receive allegations from children such as educators or day-care staff. Although the NICHD-R Protocol is intended for forensic interviewers, the science behind its development and application is relevant to all professionals working with children.

Education Law Handbook, edited by Holly Stout and Paul Grestorex (LexisNexis) has been written by a team of specialist education law barristers at 11 King's Bench Walk. It is structured according to the four main phases of education: (1) pre-school and nurseries, (2) schooling for children of compulsory



school age, (3) sixth-form and further education, and (4) higher education. The law applicable to all types of schools, colleges and universities is explained, and themes such as special educational needs, transport, negligence, discrimination and human rights are all dealt with in detail, as is the law

applicable to teaching staff and governing bodies.



As visitors to the newly reconfigured Library may have noticed, the 'Legal Miscellany' collection - essentially consisting of works that, while having a legal focus, cannot be classed as practitioners' textbooks - is now housed alongside the textbook collection, in Room A. An intriguing and very readable

addition to it is *Fifty Years of the Divorce Reform Act 1969* (Hart), a new interdisciplinary collection exploring the background to the 1969 Act and its influence on law and society. Bringing together scholars from law, sociology, history, demography, and film and literature, it reflects on the changes to divorce law and practice over the past 50 years, and the changing impact of divorce on different people in society, particularly women. It offers a 'biography' of this important piece of legislation, moving from its conception and birth, through its reception and development, to its imminent demise. Looking to the future, and to the new law introduced by the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020, this collection suggests ways of evaluating what makes 'good' divorce law.

New Acquisitions Continued

The Library is always grateful to receive, from Library users, donations of newly published law books, or new editions of existing titles, for which they have had some responsibility, whether as author, editor or contributor. Our thanks are due to the following, who have presented new titles or editions to the Library recently: S. Chelvan for *The Queer Outside in Law: Recognising LGBTIQ People in the United Kingdom*; Ian Doolittle for *The Fire Court: Calendar to the Judgments and Decrees*, volume 3; James Kirby for *Williams on Wills*, 11th edition; Master Michael Tugendhat for *Les Droits du Genre Humain: La Liberté en France et en Angleterre, 1159-1793*; and Mark Warwick QC for *Break Clauses*, 3rd edition.

A list of [new law titles and editions](#) received from January to March is available.

Finally, a reminder that readers are welcome to suggest books for purchase by filling in the form provided and placing it in the suggestions box in the lobby adjoining the photocopying room. Suggestions will be considered by the Library Committee.

Bloomsbury Professional Online

The Library subscribes to the [Bloomsbury Professional Online Service](#) which gives full text access to 176 textbooks, loose-leafs and journals in over 20 practice areas. The service is available within the Library and we also have a limited number of log-ins which 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 bloomsbury@innertemple.org.uk if you are interested in accessing this service remotely.

“It really is an invaluable resource for barristers who cannot access the Inner Temple library and who are members of smaller Chambers which don’t have access to key practitioner texts such as Hershman and Duckworth’s.”

History Society Lecture

Celebrating the Ivy Williams Centenary

Speaker: Dr Frances Burton (Emeritus Research Fellow, University of Buckingham and retired Barrister)



100 years ago on 10 May 1922, the first female barrister, Ivy Williams, was called to the Bar by The Inner Temple. Williams, a teacher and writer with a lifelong connection to Oxford University, never practised at the Bar, yet she has led large numbers of women to follow her example, establishing a springboard from which the modern profession has developed to allow men and women to enter the Bar in equal numbers. Her story and the stories of the women inspired by her to practise at the Bar, along with the work that still needs to be done to achieve equal retention alongside family life, will be told by Dr Frances Burton. Dr Burton has taught Law for many years at a number of universities in the UK and Europe whilst also practising at the Chancery Bar, and has written extensively on family law and property, and on the very early women lawyers.

In person and livestreamed from The Inner Temple.
Time: Tuesday 10 May, 5.30pm for 6pm start, followed by a drinks reception at 7.15pm.

Tickets: [Book online](#) or call the Treasury Office on 020 7797 8250.