

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2022



## The Inner Temple Library

## Introduction: The Move

Returning the Library to the heart of the Inn was without doubt one of the biggest challenges of 2022. It seems implausible that this project was completed less than 12 months ago, as it already feels as though we never left. Following the exhausting reinstatement of over 2.5km of books it would have been tempting to rest on our laurels - or on our nice new sofas - but moving the Library was just the start of another busy year.

### 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

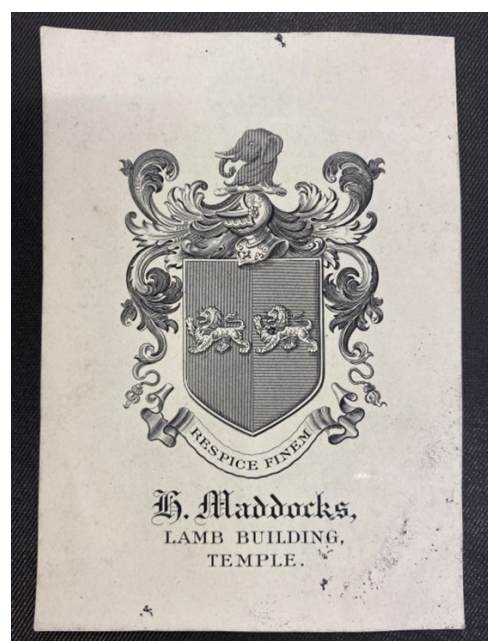


1 New/old Library reinstated/opened

## Binding and Rebinding

In the course of the year, just over 380 non-Commonwealth and 70 Commonwealth volumes were sent for binding or rebinding by Riley, Dunn & Wilson in Scotland. Several types of publication were included: current and old editions of textbooks, law reports, legislation, and journals. Items selected for binding are usually periodicals or other loose publications which are easier to consult when bound in a volume. Those chosen for rebinding are typically published post-1850 and need non-specialist repairs, for example to broken spines or torn or loose pages. Where possible, we also try to keep as much of the rebinding as similar in style to the volume's predecessor as possible, as well as any material of historical or provenance value they may contain. A notable rebind this year was *Westlake's Private International Law* (3rd edition, 1890): we had the original bookplate, bookseller's sticker, and the endpapers carrying publishers' advertisements retained.

Excitingly, underneath the Library's original bookplate lay another, personal bookplate, that of one 'H. Maddocks, Lamb Building, Temple', which we believe may have belonged to the barrister and Conservative politician, Sir Henry Maddocks KC (1871-1931).



## Bar Librarians Group

The Bar Librarians Group resumed face-to-face meetings in 2022. A meeting was convened at the Inner Temple in October in the new space on the fourth floor where Inns of Court librarians outlined the services available to chambers librarians and clerks.

## Book Prize

The Librarian and the Archivist joined forces to provide administrative support to the Inner Temple Book Prize jury for the fifth triennial Book Prize. All longlisted titles are available to browse in the Library, and [details of the winners and runners-up](#) may be found on the Inn's website. The awards, presented by [Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE FRSA FBCS](#), HM Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, will take place at a ceremony to be held on 23 February.

## Cataloguing

The number of new titles catalogued was 124, and the number of new editions of existing works 126. In addition, 1,703 catalogue records were amended, mostly either to update the location following the return to the permanent Library upon completion of Project Pegasus, or (in the case of legal textbooks) to add detailed contents notes. The latter project has been in progress for some time and is now nearing completion.

## Clerks' Tours

With the reopening of the Library in March 2022 we started to offer tours for clerks. This entails guided searches for various types of legal material, both online and in hard copy. It helps the Library to build strong working relations with the clerks, who are some of our most frequent users, and hopefully gives them confidence in using the Library to find the materials they are looking for. We have given tours to clerks from several chambers around the Inn, and hope to continue to expand this offer in 2023.

## Conservation

From time to time we have continued sending selected rare books (often ones associated with former members and benefactors of the Inn) for specialist repair and/or rebinding by The Bookends Bindery.

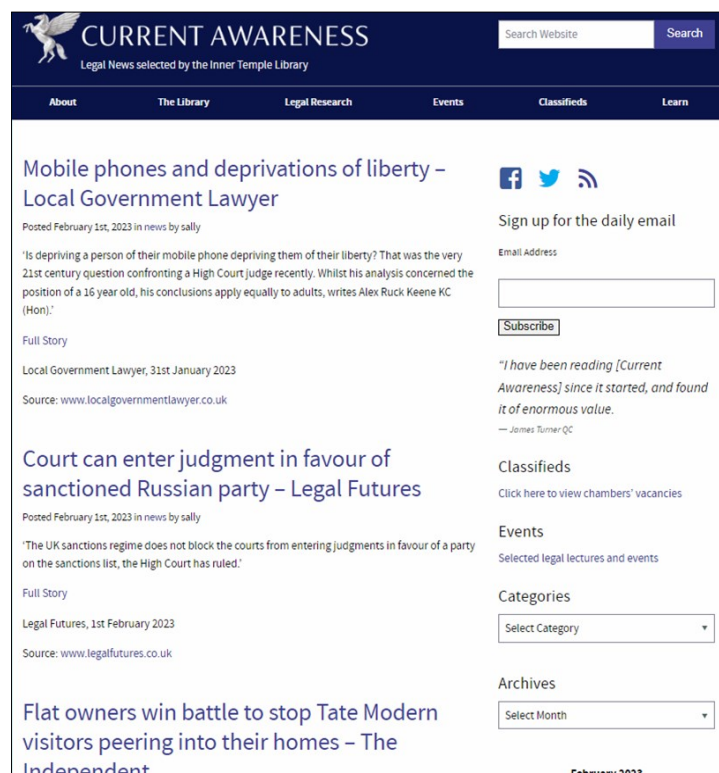


Items selected for this treatment in 2022 included Vidian's *The Exact Pleader* (1684), *Le Grand Coustumier du Maine* (1535) (above) and *Les Loix, Ordonnances & Edictz des Treschrestiens Rois de France* (1552, once the property of The Hon. Daines Barrington, Treasurer 1784-1785) (below).



## Current Awareness Blog

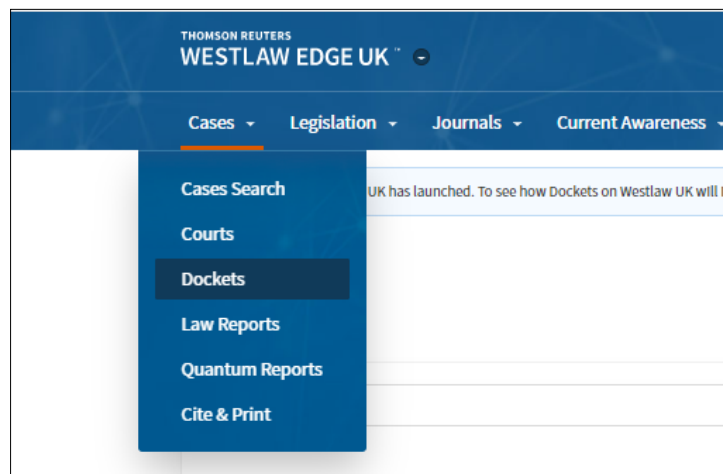
During the year we added 2,845 posts to the [blog](#), bringing the archive to a total of 69,747 posts. There were 98,838 visitors to the site and 121,045 unique page views. Email subscriptions now stand at 5,173; in addition 1,165 people subscribe to the RSS feed and we have 10,900 Twitter followers. There are 1,146 subject categories, the top 10 most frequently accessed of these being sentencing, appeals, police, human rights, children, local government, murder, internet, sexual offences and costs. The highest ranking locations for visitors are the UK, USA, India, Seychelles, the Czech Republic, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Australia and Germany.



## Database Developments

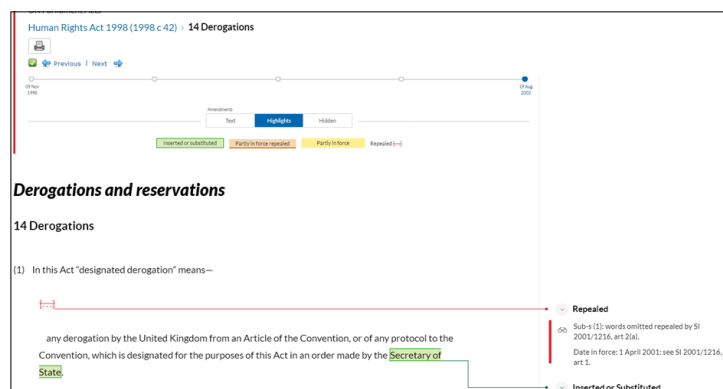
The Library kept its users up to date with developments on the databases, for example:

Westlaw launched a UK Dockets service which provides access to every step of the case journey, from a claim being filed to judgment, and through to the appeals process.



In addition users can now access the White Book for 2021 and 1999. Previously only the current White Book was available.

Lexis developed '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.



## Database Training

Sessions were organised in February, April, September and October on Lexis Library and Westlaw. Participants were then able to acquire accreditation for the respective databases. Anyone who is interested in obtaining training on the databases should contact

[trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk)

## Document Supply

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 300 items were scanned and emailed to barristers in 2022.

## Donations

Members of the Inn continue to present copies of their newly published works, and of new editions for which they are responsible, either solely or jointly. We also receive Wildy, Simmonds and Hill publications free of charge. Donations resulted in a saving of £3,051 on monographs and £7,623 on loose-leaf releases and journals in 2022.

## Education & Training Tours for Prospective Members

When the Treasury Building reopened officially in May we restarted in-person Library tours for prospective members for the first time since March 2020. The tours are part of the wider E&T Inn tour and we have given approximately one tour per week. We greatly value showing the Library facilities and materials to future members of the Inn, and hope it plays a part in their becoming successful legal professionals.

## Events Celebrated

In 2022 we marked Black History Month, Disability History Month, Dyslexia Awareness Week, Refugee Week and Pride, among many other events.



## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

### We now have:

- A4 coloured overlays
- Reading rulers (various colours)
- Coloured A4 lined paper (blue, green, pink, purple and yellow)

**Available at the Enquiry Desk**

## Feedback from Library Users

"Thank you so much, that has saved me a potentially very horrendous evening."

"Thank you very much for your response, this is incredibly helpful."

"Thanks so much for doing these so quickly, it's been a big help."

"I can't believe how long that [law report] was! You've saved the day!" [Document supply service user]

## Grand Days

There were two Grand Days in 2022, since none could be held during the COVID-19 pandemic. The one on 15 June was presided over by Master Guy Fetherstonhaugh, Treasurer for 2020 and 2021, and that on 2 November by Master Deborah Taylor, Treasurer for 2022. On both occasions the Library mounted an exhibition of manuscripts and rare books, and produced a booklet on the exhibits, distributed to guests. In November we picked out a selection of illustrated books relating to the North East, in honour of Master Taylor, who commented afterwards, "I was immensely touched, and it really made the night for me."



students. For the event we created a whodunnit mystery, entitled '*The Curious Case of the Unconscious Librarian*'. The plot revolved around Tracey being found unconscious on the floor of the Library the morning after she had been working the evening shift with the potential suspects: Lily and James. A trail of evidence was left around the Library, and the student participants needed to follow this in order to solve the mystery, in addition to learning about Library services and collections along the way. Following the 'big reveal' at the end, which explained what had actually happened, a reception was held for attendees and members of the Library Committee.



## ICCA Bar Course

In March and September a member of the Library team participated in lectures for ICCA students. The lectures were introductory sessions on legal research and speakers included librarians from the other Inns of Court libraries.

## Induction

On Tuesday 4 October we held the first of our new-style Library inductions for new Inner Temple



## Inner Temple Mooting Society Legal Research Sessions

Another first for 2022 was the Legal Research training sessions that we gave to members of the Inner Temple Mooting Society. We ran two sessions, in October and December, and built the training around the various moot problems that members of the Society had been set. We used live demonstrations of online databases and the various hard copy resources to demonstrate the wealth and variety of materials that student members of the Inn have access to in the Library. We will continue to run these sessions on a bi-monthly basis throughout 2023

## Legal Research Training

Library staff have continued to provide qualifying sessions for student members, and legal research training sessions for pupils. Following the reopening of the Treasury Building we have been able to run a qualifying session in the new fourth-floor training suite, although a second planned session had to be carried out via Zoom as it coincided with a scheduled train strike. The use of Zoom for presentations has also enabled us to continue to provide this service to students based outside London. One-to-one training sessions have been provided both to pupils and to a senior member of the Inn who wanted to become more familiar with research techniques using online databases.

## Library Charter

When we reopened in March 2022 we introduced a [Library Charter](#). This will help us to work in partnership with our users. The Charter explains what the Library will do for Library patrons and describes how patrons can help us to manage the Library more effectively. Working together will enhance the experience of using the Library.

## Library Regulations

We revised the existing rules and introduced a Library Charter - for the latter, see above. Lidded drinks are now permitted in the Library.

## Loans

The existing loans policies were changed in March. The overnight loan scheme was extended to students, and a weekly loans scheme was introduced for certain collections such as Legal Miscellany, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence.

## Malaysian Inner Temple Alumni Association – Online Training Session

Following a visit to the Inn, representatives of the Malaysian Inner Temple Alumni Association (MITAA) asked if the Inn Librarians could deliver a legal research session to its members. Fast forward to the end of the summer, and the session was delivered on 8 September by the Librarian and Deputy Librarian. Attendance was robust and included a wide range of attendees representing all stages of legal study and professional practice. Master Faizah Jamaludin (President, MITAA), noted that the success of the talk could be measured by “the fact that there were more than 100 participants staying on until the end of a 1.5-hour webinar!”

Entitled ‘Legal Research Tips’, the talk covered everything from research skills, database use, advanced search techniques, free sources of legal information, and more. There were also some excellent questions from the audience - more than we had time to answer.



*Clockwise from top left: Tracey Dennis, Nimalan Devaraja, YA Dato Faizah Jamaludin, David Lim and Rob Hodgson*

## Manuscript Enquiries

Although we have been unable to host manuscript researchers (most manuscripts still being in storage post-Project Pegasus) we have continued to correspond with enquirers about the collection as far as we are able. Much interest was shown in our



copy of Roger de Hoveden’s *Historia Anglorum*, once in the possession of Rievaulx Abbey, in the context of a book (and a series of talks) about the Battle of Byland. A mid 16th-century manuscript, *‘The Assertions of Ralph Lever Touching the Canon Law’*, is shortly to be the

subject of a lecture by Professor Norman Doe in the Temple Church. Examples of other research projects with which we have been called upon to assist are: the architect William Winde (d. 1722) Christopher Saxton’s 1679 *Atlas*, and Sir Edward Coke’s concept of legal reason.

## Patron-Driven Acquisition Scheme

This was introduced so that the Library can be responsive to the needs of Inner Temple Library users if they discover a book that they need is not available in the Library collection. All requests meeting the [criteria for purchase](#) will be automatically purchased whilst funds remain available. Items that do not meet the criteria will be considered by the Librarian and the Books Sub-Committee but without a guarantee of purchase.

Books purchased under this scheme so far include Jonathan Herring’s *Medical Law and Ethics*, 9th edition; Sabine Kruspig’s *Legal Protection for Computer-Implemented Inventions*; and Virginia Dunn’s *Be Civil! : A Guide to Learning Civil Litigation and Evidence*, 3rd edition.

## Project Pegasus: Comments on the Refurbished 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”

“A silk at another chambers was saying that he thinks it's now the best of the four!”

## Pupils

The Library organised a remote training session on legal research for pupils in November. Feedback included “Thanks for this and the lecture: it was very informative!” and “Thank you very much for giving the session yesterday, which I found extremely useful.” We also arranged tours of the Library for new pupils from various sets of chambers.

## Reading Lists

In 2022 we curated three reading lists to support the Social Context of the Law series of lectures. These included: [‘The Rule of Law in Times of International Conflict: Shortcomings of the International Order’](#) [‘Asylum & Immigration: Do Sovereign Island Nations Have a Duty to Provide Refuge?’](#) and [‘Is it Better to Review or Monitor Terror Laws? The UK and Australian Positions Compared’](#).

 INNER TEMPLE LIBRARY

SOCIAL CONTEXT OF THE LAW SERIES:

THE RULE OF LAW IN TIMES OF  
INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT:  
SHORTCOMINGS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORDER

RELATED READING

PRIMARY MATERIALS

SECONDARY MATERIA...

## Remote Access to Databases

We continue to offer remote access to Lexis PSL and Bloomsbury Law Online. The logins are primarily offered to those members who are not based in London.

A recipient of a login for Bloomsbury Law online commented: “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.”

If you are interested in obtaining remote access please email [bloomsbury@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:bloomsbury@innertemple.org.uk) or [LexisPSL@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:LexisPSL@innertemple.org.uk)

## Sierra Leone Training Day for Librarians

In May two members of the Library team took part in the first law library training session organised by the ILBF, BIALL and the UK Sierra Leone Pro Bono Network. Attendees included staff from libraries in Sierra Leone, and the sessions covered cataloguing, classification, stock management, library guides and free legal resources. Feedback included a tweet saying that the event “provided invaluable help with the hybrid training for law librarians in Sierra Leone”.

## Social Media

We currently have 1,994 followers on [Facebook](#), 11,810 on [Twitter](#) and 381 on our new [LinkedIn](#) page. Our Facebook followers are mainly based in the UK, USA, India, Pakistan, Malaysia and South Africa; followers are evenly divided between male and female, with a substantial proportion in the 25-34 or 35-44 age groups. Our LinkedIn followers are mainly based in the UK and India and mostly from the legal and educational sectors.

## Staffing

A change to the staffing structure in 2022 was implemented with the recruitment of a Graduate Trainee Librarian.

Lily Rowe joined the library team soon after we returned to the Temple and has enjoyed a wide ranging introduction to library work and legal research. Lily’s background in Early Modern Literature proved unexpectedly useful in the preparation of transcriptions to accompany items displayed on Grand Day. Lily will continue as part of the Library team as she undertakes her professional postgraduate qualification in Librarianship over the next few years.

## Student Activities

An introductory talk about the Inns of Court Libraries was delivered in person at the University of Law, for new Bar students. This was given in the summer and in the autumn for the cohorts starting at those times. The same session was delivered virtually to City Law School Bar students in the autumn. In addition a separate session for Bar students not based in London was organised for the University of Law.

Library staff gave tours to new students as and when required. Booking a tour is not necessary as staff are happy to give a tour within normal working hours without pre-booking.

A new-style Library induction was organised in October based on a ‘Whodunnit’ theme – see above.

Library staff participated in Qualifying Sessions in the early part of 2022 and in the autumn – see above.

The Librarian was one of the speakers on the panel at the Introductory evenings in the autumn and attended the social event after the formal session where he discussed Library services with new students.

Training on research skills was given to the Mooting Society three times in the autumn and winter – see above.

## Training Sessions Attended

Most Library staff have had refresher training on Lexis, Westlaw and vLex. The following courses were also attended by staff:

- ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)
- Cataloguing
- Digital Accessibility
- Escape Rooms for Libraries
- EU law
- Family Law Resources Available on the Online Resource Practical Law
- Open Access
- Pepper v Hart training
- The Psychology of Consuming Online Information
- The Value of Libraries
- vLex Caribbean

## Visits

Visits to other libraries:

- City, University of London: Northampton Square and Law Libraries
- Lincoln's Inn Library
- Middle Temple Library
- Oxford: College and University libraries
- University of Law (Bloomsbury)

Visitors to the Inner Temple Library:

- Members of the Bar Librarians Group
- Members of the BPP Law School
- Librarian from The Law Society Library
- Interns from The Law Society (as part of 10,000 Black Interns programme)
- Staff from Lincoln's Inn Library
- A colleague from Pembroke College Library (Cambridge)
- Library staff from the Supreme Court
- Library staff from University of Law

## Looking Forward in 2023

### Saturday Opening

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

#### February

4 February	Middle Temple
11 February	Gray's Inn
18 February	Inner Temple
25 February	Lincoln's Inn

#### March

4 March	Middle Temple
11 March	Gray's Inn
18 March	Inner Temple
25 March	Lincoln's Inn

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

### Qualifying Session for Students

A Qualifying Session is being held on 21 February for new students. Please see the [Inn's website](#) for more details.

### Westlaw Training

Westlaw training has been organised via the Library. Please click on the date below to register your place. You will receive Westlaw accreditation on attendance.

[Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 5.00pm](#)

[Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 5.00pm](#)

[Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 5.00pm](#)

[Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 5.00pm](#)