

NEWSLETTER

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All the same content is available as before: law reports, legislation, journals, books and practical guidance, but it is arranged differently. Lexis have put together some useful [video introductions to the new interface](#). Alternatively, you can just ask a member of staff.

Saturday Opening

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

September

30 September Middle Temple

October

7 October Gray's Inn
14 October Inner Temple
21 October Lincoln's Inn
28 October Middle Temple

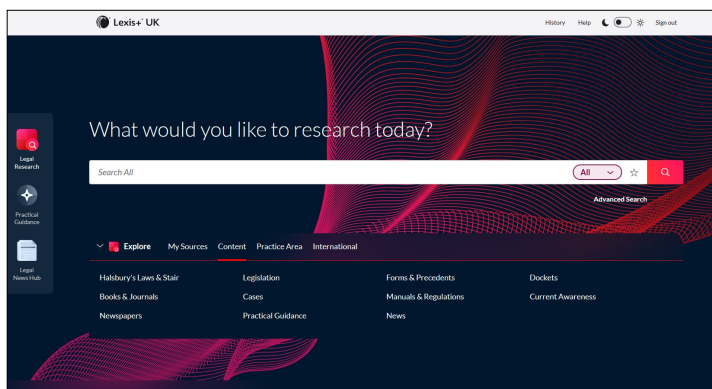
November

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

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

Lexis: New Platform

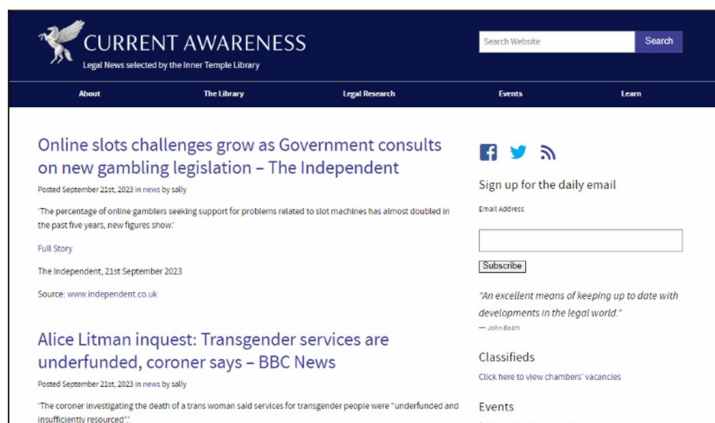
As those who visit the Library regularly may have noticed, access to LexisNexis online services is now via the new platform, Lexis+ ('Lexis Plus').



How the Library Helps Members at Key Points in Their Career

Students

- We have more librarians than most bar school libraries
- You can phone or email us and you will have our full attention
- You can ask for help with legal research
- We offer flexible training sessions
- Our website has a legal research section full of tips and guidance
- Our Current Awareness blog will keep you up to date with legal developments and help you prepare for your pupillage interview
- We support the Mooting Society with training geared to performing well in a moot



Pupils

- If you have attended the Library's legal research training sessions you will already feel confident
- The Library offers additional training for pupils to refresh skills
- You can email the Library for help and get a quick and helpful response

- You can search the Library catalogue from chambers to find the materials you have been asked to find
- You can use the document supply service to obtain a law report or article when you cannot get to the Library in person

In Practice

- Document supply service – for those urgent reports you need an hour before court
- Extensive collection of current practitioner texts
- You can continue to make use of the Current Awareness blog
- Library staff can assist with research – no matter how simple or obscure
- Continuing professional development – plenty of opportunities for additional training
- Large archive of old editions for doing historical or point-in-time research
- Quiet and comfortable place to work



Training Events for New Students

Database Training Sessions for New Students

The Library has arranged training sessions on Lexis+ and Westlaw. These will be run virtually by trainers from Lexis and Thomson Reuters.

Advantages of attending:

- Attendees will be able to obtain accreditation which looks good on CVs and pupillage applications
- Knowing how to navigate the databases quickly and easily is a key legal research skill
- Learning good techniques for searching will save you time
- Learning these skills now will build your confidence for starting pupillage

Westlaw Training

15 November from 5.00pm to 6.00pm:

[Register via Teams](#)

Lexis Training

11 October from 5.00pm to 6.00pm:

[Join the meeting via Teams](#)

Meeting ID: 230 186 551 195

Passcode: efFgHD

Chat and Tours for New Students

From 11 September students can drop in and ask for a tour of the Library. A member of the team will show you around and answer questions. The Library is extensive and potentially overwhelming at first glance. Having a tour and a chat will help put new users at ease.

Introductory Evening for Out of London Students

The Deputy Librarian, Tracey Dennis, will be attending the virtual introductory evening on 29 September. She will be part of the panel of speakers and will be in the breakout rooms. Tracey can explain all about Library services and answer any question you may have. Knowing about the Library and what it does is essential for success throughout your legal career so please do come and have a chat.

Qualifying Sessions on Legal Research - What to Expect

Library staff have been running qualifying sessions on legal research for many years. The sessions in the autumn are aimed at refreshing some of the basics of legal research that may have been forgotten. Tracey and Simon will present the sessions, which are based on questions that users regularly ask us at the Enquiry Desk; our experience tells us that a refresher is no bad thing when you are feeling under pressure to find something. We will make use of Slido to engage our audience and there will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions as we go along.

In early 2024 there will be another, more advanced session that builds on what we cover in the autumn. We will follow this up in the spring with a training session aimed at new pupils. So if you do not manage to attend all the qualifying sessions on legal research, the pupils' session will help you as you embark on the next stage of your career.

Training Events for New Students

Lunchtime Training Sessions

A series of bitesize events covering a range of useful topics. These will take place from 1.00pm to 1.30pm in the Gandhi suite on the following days:

6 October: Updating Your Research – a crucial skill for passing your exams and for success in practice:

[Book via Eventbrite.](#)

13 October: Free Sources of UK Law – finding authoritative free internet sources mainly for the UK but with a few other jurisdictions included: [Book via Eventbrite.](#)

20 October: Business Information for Lawyers – if you have ever needed to find company, charity, or industry information, this is the talk for you. Amongst other things we will look at the ownership information and financial filings that are available from Companies House and the Charity Commission. We will also investigate how you might go about finding information on overseas companies: [Book via Eventbrite.](#)

27 October: The ECHR website – all you need to know about the website and what it contains: [Book via Eventbrite.](#)

White Book Training on Westlaw

The Library has organised training on using the White Book on Westlaw via MS Teams. This will take place on Tuesday 10 October from 5.00pm to 5.45pm. Please register your place via this [link](#).

Inns of Court Libraries' Talk to New Bar Students

James Rowles, Senior Library Assistant, writes

On 14 September the Deputy Librarian and one of the Assistant Librarians at the Middle Temple visited the University of Law campus in Bloomsbury to give their new Bar students an introduction to the libraries of the Inns of Court. The following day I and the same member of staff from the Middle Temple visited the recently opened City Law School building in Farringdon, likewise to introduce their new students to the libraries.

The aim of the talk we gave is to dispel any myths and preconceptions that new students may have about the Inns of Court libraries, so that (we hope) they feel comfortable visiting and using the libraries early in their legal careers.

We highlight the depth of the collections that are available to new student members of an Inn of Court, and stress how this will be important for them as they progress in their careers at the Bar.

We also encourage students to attend the various training events held by the four libraries, and to utilise the learning resources available to them.

Both sessions were well attended, and we have had several student attendees already visiting the Library.



Training Events for New Students

Whodunnit?

On 12 September we held our second annual Inner Temple Library ‘Whodunnit’ induction, during which, using a series of clues planted throughout the Library, new student members aimed to solve ‘The Curious Case of the Unconscious Librarian’, while at the same time becoming acquainted with the resources and collections available to them at the Library.

We hoped that this approach would be a more enjoyable, relaxing, and informal method for new students to experience the Library and meet the librarians for the first time, and would allay any apprehensions they might have had about using the Library.

From the feedback we have received, we think it was a success. One student wrote, “Just thought it was brilliant,” and another “I really enjoyed how relaxed it felt and will definitely feel more comfortable coming to visit the library this year as a result.” Master Rebecca Bailey-Harris, one of the Benchers who kindly attended the ‘big reveal’ and reception in the Parliament Chamber afterwards, added that she thought “the event was a great success. The students obviously loved it.”

All being well we expect to run another interactive induction for new students next year, so let us see what curious mysteries need to be solved in 2024 ...



Student members at the Library ‘Whodunnit’ induction

Introductory Evening for London Students

The Librarian and the Deputy Librarian attended the Introductory evening on 19 September, where they welcomed many students to their stall.



Introductory Evening for London students

Student Representative on Library Committee

The Inner Temple is looking for a current student member to join the formal (but friendly) Library Committee. It is important that the Committee is able to reflect opinion from members at all stages of their career and we would welcome a representative of the Inn's student membership to articulate the voice of the student body. Deadline is Friday 6 October. [Expression of interest.](#)



1-to-1 Legal Research Sessions

Tell us what help you need and we will organise a session.

Email trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk

Legal Research for Pupils

A refresher training session to help begin your pupillage with confidence.

Wednesday 25 October via Zoom, 5.00pm-6.00pm

[Book via Eventbrite.](#)

Tours and Library Inductions for Pupils

These can be arranged to fit the pupil's timetable. Contact librarytours@innertemple.org.uk to arrange a time.

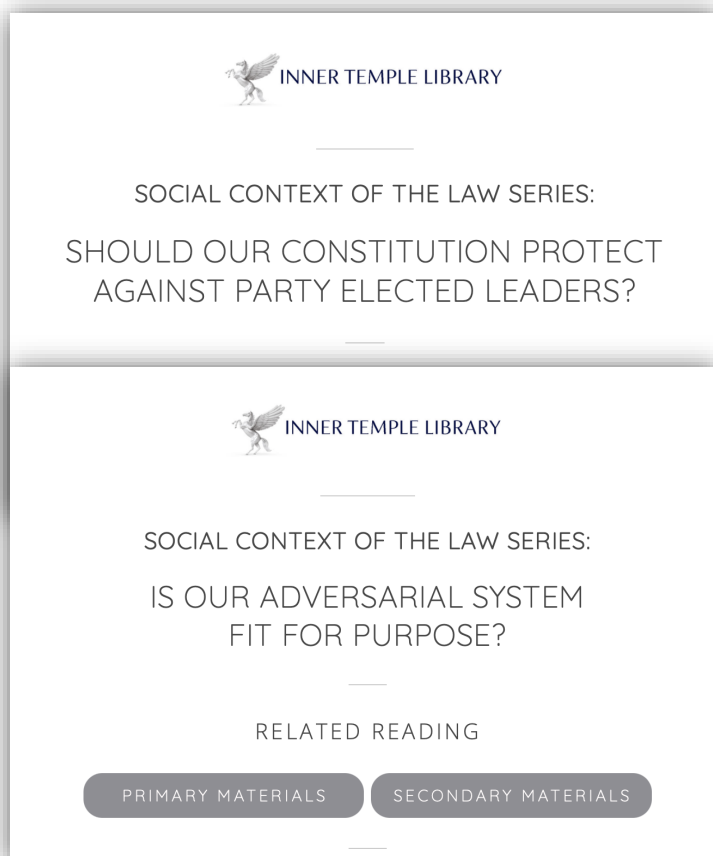
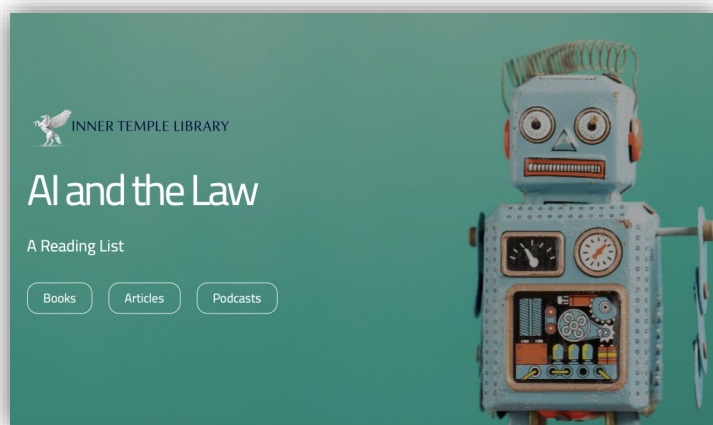
Mooting Society Legal Research Training

Starting in October, we hope to run again a series of evening legal research training sessions for the Inner Temple Mooting Society. In past years we have looked at how to use the European Court of Human Rights website to find case law applicable to a particular moot, and how to update your research and find related cases using the online legal databases, Lexis+ and Westlaw.

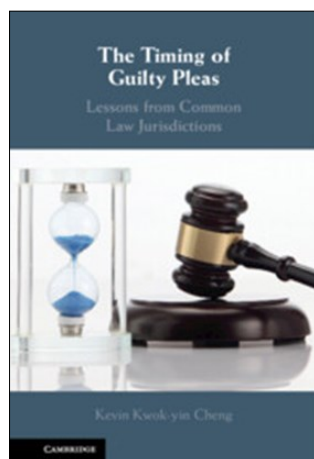
Reading Lists

The Library has continued to produce reading lists to accompany some of the lectures and events held at the Inn, enabling further exploration of the topics covered.

These have included [*AI and the Law*](#) and the Social Context in Law lectures posing the questions: [*Should our Constitution Protect against Party-Elected Leaders?*](#) and [*Is Our Adversarial System Fit for Purpose?*](#)

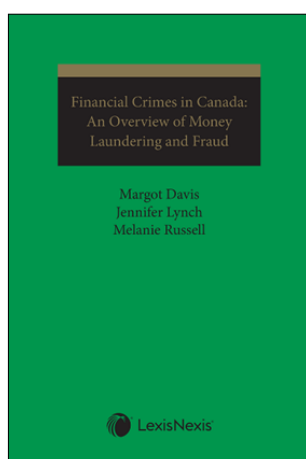


New Acquisitions



Kevin Kwok-yin Cheng's *The Timing of Guilty Pleas: Lessons from Common Law Jurisdictions* (Cambridge University Press) offers a comprehensive investigation of how the timing of guilty pleas affects various facets of the criminal process, from the factors that affect this

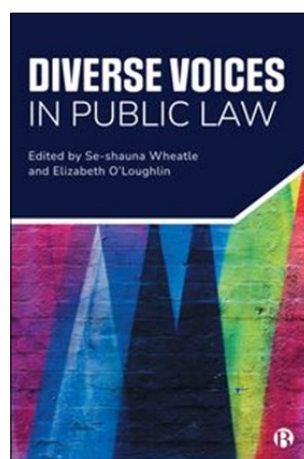
timing, to the effects that the sliding scale of sentence discounts has on sentences and on public opinion about them. It draws comparisons chiefly between the England & Wales and Hong Kong legal systems, although the sentencing regimes in place in Australia, New Zealand and Scotland are also discussed.



Financial Crimes in Canada: An Overview of Money Laundering and Fraud by Margot Davis, Jennifer Lynch and Melanie Russell (LexisNexis Canada) covers a broad range of topics, such as occupational fraud, social assistance fraud, and fraud in the context of

family law disputes. The volume also includes a chapter on the challenges inherent in the civil and criminal litigation of fraud, with commentary from counsel who practise in these areas. In addition, the authors examine money laundering, including the history of the relevant sections of the Criminal Code, and the obligations of reporting entities under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act.

To continue with the Commonwealth connection, there are new editions on various topics in the ongoing revision of *Halsbury's Laws of Canada*. The latest volumes received cover Compensation and rights of crime victims, Competition and foreign investment, Condominiums, Employment, Income tax (international), Workplace health & safety, and Youth justice. We have also recently acquired new editions of two classics of Indian legal literature: Jain's *Indian Constitutional Law* and Pollock & Mulla's *The Indian Contract Act 1872*.



Diverse voices in public law, edited by Se-shauna Wheatle and Elizabeth O'Loughlin, was purchased under the Library's [Patron-Driven Acquisitions Scheme](#). This is a title in Bristol University Press's Diverse Voices series and, in the publishers' words, presents a ground-

breaking platform for critiquing the law from the perspective of minoritized and marginalized groups, and debating and understanding the impact of the law on these different groups.

We would like to extend our thanks to the following who have kindly presented new works or new editions to the Library in recent months: Judith Ratcliffe for *Privacy and Data Protection in Your Pocket: Personal Data Breaches*; Professor Russell Sandberg for *A Historical Introduction to English Law: Genesis of the Common Law*; Austen Morgan for *Pretence: Why the United Kingdom Needs a Written Constitution*; Professor Nelson Enonchong for *Duress, Undue Influence and Unconscionable Dealing*, 4th edition;

New Acquisitions continued

Dr Sharon Thompson for *Quiet Revolutionaries: the Married Women's Association and Family Law*; Professor Timothy Endicott for *Administrative Law*, 5th edition; Crispin Williams for *A Good Name Hath Endured: a History of Shaw & Sons 1750-2020*; Master Ann Ainslie-Wallace for *Advocacy Manual: The Complete Guide to Persuasive Advocacy*, 2nd edition by George Hampel and others; Kenneth Hamer for *Hamer's Professional Conduct Casebook*, 4th edition; and Master Roger Stewart for *Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability*, 9th edition.

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

Databases at the Inner Temple

The Library subscribes to a full range of legal subscription databases.

Knowing what each database contains and what its USP is will make your research easier. Conversely, looking for something on the wrong database is frustrating and wastes time. Below are a few key points that you might not know about:

Westlaw

- Contains the online version of Kemp and Kemp, the White Book, Archbold Criminal Pleading Evidence & Practice and Chitty on Contracts
- Consolidated legislation - UK Acts and SIs
- Index of legal terms incorporating Stroud's Judicial Dictionary and Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law
- Legal journals Index for full text articles and abstracts back to the mid-1980s
- Full text of a range of law reports and transcripts

Lexis+

- Contains the online version of Blackstone's Criminal Practice, Stone's Justices' Manual and Cook on Costs
- Consolidated legislation - UK Acts and SIs
- Words & Phrases Judicially Considered
- Online version of Atkin's Court Forms and the Encyclopaedia of Forms & Precedents
- Database of international materials
- Full text of a range of law reports and transcripts

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- The most comprehensive database of Court of Appeal transcripts
- Some specialist law report series such as Immigration Appeal Reports and Mental Health Law Reports
- UK Acts and subsidiary legislation as originally enacted
- Bermuda Law Reports and BVI cases as well as a huge collection of Caribbean case law

i-law

- The only database providing access to Lloyd's Law Reports

Bloomsbury Professional Online

- Over 20 subject areas
- Access to many Bloomsbury books including Hershman and McFarlane: Children Law and Practice
- Access to Family Court Reports

The next issue of the Newsletter will contain information on additional databases.

If you have any questions about using the databases or which one to choose, do contact the [Library](#).