



Inner Temple Library Newsletter

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Strategic Review

The strategic review group's report on library services was finalised in September and discussed by the Library Committee this month, when it was agreed that the report should be sent to the Executive Committee without change.

IT Upgrades

The Unicorn software, which is used for the Library's online catalogue, has been upgraded. During the summer a project to improve and update security on the Inn's network for external facing servers was started. This should be completed by the end the year. The leased line, which is used for all the Library's and the Inn's email and internet traffic, has been upgraded. A faster leased line has been installed together with a backup line to ensure greater resilience.

Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries is open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on each Saturday during the legal terms.

October

26 October Gray's Inn

November

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

December

7 December Lincoln's Inn
14 December Middle Temple
21 December CLOSED
28 December CLOSED

2014

January

4 January CLOSED
11 January Gray's Inn
18 January Inner Temple
25 January Lincoln's Inn

To view a Saturday Opening Timetable to July 2014 click [here](#).

New Online Services

The Library has recently added *Atkin's Court Forms* and the *Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents* to the range of online sources it subscribes to via Lexis Library.

Training Sessions for New Pupils

This year the Library decided to run some legal research training sessions for new pupils. In the past we had offered one-to-one sessions, based on the needs of individual pupils. Looking at the areas we were being asked to cover at these individual sessions, it was clear that some common themes were emerging. We felt that there was a definite need for the Library to offer more structured training which would be open to larger groups and which would preferably take place close to the commencement of new pupillages. We decided to aim for the October 2013 intake of pupils.

After several months of planning, we drew up three sessions and scheduled these to take place over one Saturday morning and two weekday evenings. The sessions were advertised in the Library and on the web, and we emailed pupil supervisors and new pupils directly. The first session, which we ran in September, was an overview of essential matters that pupils should be aware of as they start pupillage, e.g. how to cite legislation, finding repealed legislation, the hierarchy of citations for law reports, and how to decipher abbreviations. The second session, which took place this month, addressed case research in more detail, in particular how to track the judicial history of a case and how to find commentary on a case. The third session, which will be in November, will look at researching legislation and will cover such topics as how to find various versions of legislation (e.g. in force or historical versions) and how to find out if an Act or SI has been amended.

Feedback

At the time of publication of this newsletter, two of the three sessions have been successfully run. We asked participants to complete feedback forms and their comments have been very encouraging. They said that the sessions were pitched at about the right level, the topics covered were very useful, and that they would

recommend the sessions to other pupils. They also found the presenters knowledgeable, enthusiastic and friendly.

Examples of comments from participants include:

“Essential training for all new pupils”

“A morning spent in the Inner Temple that has paid dividends during pupillage”

The fact that two of the sessions were fully booked and that we had a reserve list shows that there is an obvious demand from new pupils for such training. However, we know that last minute work in chambers will mean that pupils have to change their plans and may not be able to attend. We will be looking at running these sessions again but as yet no firm dates have been decided.

For more information email trainingsessions@innertemple.org.uk.

Visitors

On 4th October the Library was visited by four Temple Bar scholars from the American Inns of Court. This was part of their four-week stay in London, during which they spent time working in barristers' chambers and in the Supreme Court.

Black History Month

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH** 2013

There is currently a display featuring influential members of the legal profession at the entrance of the Library to mark Black History Month.

Student Activities

The Library would like to welcome all new BPTC students.

In September the Deputy Librarian gave two presentations at the City Law School on the services offered to BPTC students by the four Inn Libraries. This year she was assisted by Carolyn Rampling from Lincoln's Inn Library. Over 60 students attended. The presentation was also given at Kaplan Law School where 84 students were in attendance. The presentation is available as a [slide show](#) on the Library's website.



The Library was represented at the Inn's introductory evenings for London and out of London students. As in previous years a range of Library guides and leaflets was on display and the Deputy Librarian was on hand to answer students' questions.



Library Guides

The latest versions of the Student Guide and the guide for out of London student members are now available in the Library; these can also be [downloaded](#) from the website.



Tours

Library tours for new BPTC students took place over a two-week period in September.

We are happy to arrange tours on a one-to-one basis for students, pupils, clerks or for any member of the Inn. Please email librarytours@innertemple.org.uk to arrange a suitable time.

Alternatively a [virtual tour](#) is available for students and other members of the Inn unable to visit the Library in person.

ICLR in the 21st Century

*Daniel Hoadley, Barrister
Business Development Manager and Law Reporter, ICLR*

Since 1865, the mission of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting has been to ensure the timely and accurate reporting of precedent-setting decisions of the senior courts in England and Wales. Nearly 150 years on, that mission remains unaltered. As a not-for-profit organisation, ICLR's primary objective is to make the most important cases accessible both financially (by keeping prices in line with the costs of production) and intellectually (through the inclusion of expertly drafted headnotes and other additions of editorial value). However, whilst ICLR's core values have not changed, the domination of Internet-based legal research has led to an active period of rebirth for the organisation. Here is an update of what ICLR has been doing to maintain and advance its position as the leading publisher of law reports in the twenty-first century.

ICLR Online

Many will be familiar with the reports published by ICLR (such as *The Law Reports* and *The Weekly Law Reports*) through our print services or via commercial online platforms, such as Westlaw UK and Lexis Library. However, in order to keep pace with the changing nature of legal research, both in the UK and abroad, ICLR was keen to develop its own direct online capability. In accordance with that strategy, in October 2011, the organisation launched its very own online platform, ICLR Online – ICLR's most ambitious development since the launch of *The Weekly Law Reports* in 1953.

ICLR Online is a subscriber platform that translates the trusted virtues of *The Law Reports* and *The Weekly Law Reports*, along with our specialist series, into its own dedicated online context. As the creator of its own content, ICLR is uniquely placed to couple new technology and publishing techniques with traditional editorial rigour. In addition to the dynamic, online renderings and PDFs of all ICLR reports, ICLR Online provides access to a dedicated on-board citator, Citator+, which harnesses the detail and precision of the classic *Law Reports Index*, making it easier to determine the reliability of authorities at the point

of access. Members of the Inns of Court are able to access the service at the Inner Temple Library and the Libraries of the other Inns.

Wider Coverage

ICLR's guiding philosophy has always been one of selectivity: it makes no sense to commit our reporting resources to the coverage of cases that have no value as authorities. This principle of selectivity enables ICLR to produce reports of unrivalled quality, which in turn supports judicial preference for the citing of cases reported by ICLR in *The Law Reports* over any other series (*Practice Direction (Citation of Authorities)* [2012] 1 WLR 780, para. 6). However, ICLR Online has provided a means by which ICLR is able to provide a wider variety of case law coverage that was not possible under the constraints of print publishing, without compromising our primary task of reporting the cases that really matter.

In November 2012, ICLR launched a new case summary service called Case Notes. The Case Notes series massively expands the pool of content accessible through ICLR Online by providing digested accounts of cases decided in all of the senior courts that do not meet ICLR's threshold of reportability. This new series complements the free WLR (D) service, which provides daily coverage of cases ICLR will go on to report in full in due course – these summaries can be found on the [ICLR website](#), [Inner Temple Library's Current Awareness](#) blog and on [Guardian Law](#).

Looking Forward

This recent phase of regeneration for ICLR has been directed towards ensuring that the organisation is well positioned to respond to the challenges practitioners and students face in a period of increased volume in judicial output and the transition from print to Internet-based legal research. There are many more developments in the pipeline, including a new and improved search engine and interface, a new commentary series and access to legislation – all of which are designed with a view to making your research more efficient and cost-effective.

New Look Lexis Library

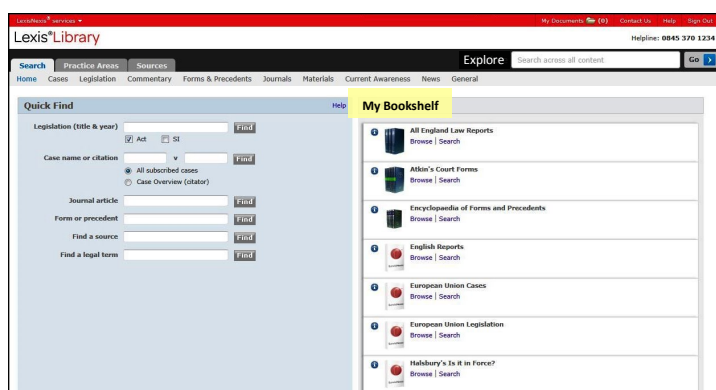
Those of you who use Lexis Library regularly will have noticed some recent changes. At the beginning of October a new look Lexis Library was rolled out to customers. The aim is to make the service “cleaner, less cluttered, easier to navigate and easier to read”.

This article highlights the main changes to the home page and the Cases database. Changes to the Legislation database will be featured in our next newsletter.

Home Page

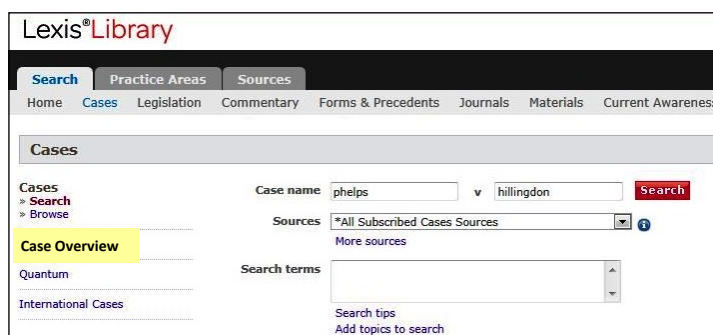
This is now less cluttered as the **Explore Box** has been made smaller and moved to the top right of the screen. By entering search terms in this box you can search across all the resources subscribed to, which is useful if you are not sure where to start your research.

Also on the Home page, the **Bookshelf** now has images of the books themselves rather than just a list of titles. This means the list takes up more space, so remember to click on **View more** if you want to see the whole Bookshelf, which has links to some of the main sources included in the Library’s Lexis subscription.



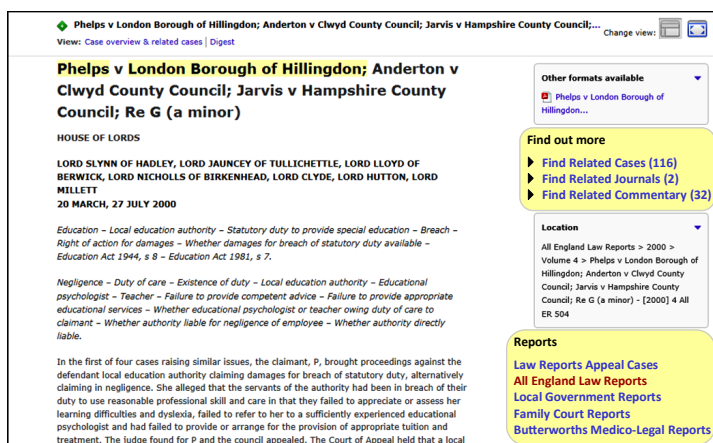
Cases Database

An important change within the Cases database is that the **CaseSearch** facility has been renamed **Case Overview**. This can be used to track the judicial history of a case and to find subsequent references to a case.



Other changes have been made within the Cases database. Once you have found your case, the **Find out more box** has been enhanced. The sub-headings have numbers so you can see how many **cases, journal articles and commentary references** are related to your case.

On the right of the screen there is a new box called **Reports**. This links you to other reports of your case. Remember that each report of a case is treated separately on Lexis Library so you may need to look at each report in turn to get a full picture of related cases, journals and commentary references.



Printing/Emailing/Downloading

The icons for delivering documents have moved to the **bottom right** of the screen.

If you experience any difficulties using the new look Lexis Library, please ask at the Enquiry Desk. Staff can assist with all the databases.

A Visit to the Ministry of Justice

Mark Leonard, Library Assistant, writes

On Thursday 25th July 2013 my now ex-colleague, Roia McHugh and I visited the Library of the Ministry of Justice. Situated opposite St James's Park Underground station, the Ministry of Justice is an imposing building rather like a large concrete honeycomb. We arrived there just in time for a fire drill, which gave us the opportunity to witness the vast numbers of employees at the Ministry, filing out in orderly fashion. Emma Child, Assistant Librarian, who gave us a very informative tour, explained how the Library seeks to advertise itself to potential users, and to provide a service which is relevant to the Ministry as a whole.

This is a challenging time for the Library, which is just about to move to a new location within the same building. That being the case, we were fortunate to see the Library in its current incarnation. The interior is bright and airy, with the collections easily accessible (unlike some of our own). The Library's collections range beyond law to the social sciences generally, while smaller collections cater for the varied research requirements of specific sub-groups. We noted in particular the Library's collection of annual prison instructions, informing prison officers how to conduct themselves and operate their prisons, and volumes of criminal statistics which vividly demonstrated the changing perception of crime and criminals over time.

The libraries of the Ministry of Justice, the Law Commission, and the Royal Courts of Justice work together for the benefit of their common user base (including the judiciary), and they jointly operate the Electronic Library and Information Service, providing online access to electronic databases via individual passwords. The libraries have a combined online catalogue, and users of any library can request items from the other two through an inter-library loan system. The library staff deal with a wide range

of enquiries, and the importance of their replying promptly with in-depth and accurate information, make the position of a librarian at the Ministry of Justice both demanding and rewarding.

Library staff are making every effort to encourage more users to take full advantage of the service they provide. They host talks and presentations, and even operate a fiction book swap scheme to entice people into the Library, where they may then be tempted by the more professional services on offer. There are 800 current users, but 3,000 potential users, and they could all benefit. We were very impressed by everything we witnessed, and were very grateful to Emma for being such an engaging and helpful host. It would be interesting to revisit the Library once it has established itself in its new home, where I am sure it will play just as important a role in the Ministry as it does currently.



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Staff Changes

Roia McHugh looks back



As I sit in my university classroom looking out onto the weary, grey architecture of Manchester's Oxford Road my mind can't help but wander back to leafy, lamp-lit King's Bench Walk and the Library where

I worked until the beginning of September this year. It's a beautiful Library in lovely surroundings but what is really important is what's housed in it, and the wonderful staff which I used to be a part of.

During my two years working at the Inner Temple Library the staff put a good deal of work into improving the service they provide to their users and the legal information community generally. Online resources such as AccessToLaw and the Current Awareness blog require constant input and effort to maintain and develop, and it was gratifying to see our work recognised when the Library won the [Wallace Breem Award](#) (named in honour of a previous Librarian of this Inner Temple) in 2012. The citation highlighted those resources in particular. The Library somehow manages to sit quite comfortably between two very different spheres of librarianship, being both a traditional institution which upholds the values and standards you would expect in a "learned" society, and at the same time being resolutely modern and maintaining its place at the forefront of legal information provision.

I also miss the weird little "librarianish" things such as the satisfaction felt when placing a new perfect piece of binding onto the shelves, or the joy at finding some obscure resource for a confused reader. Having said that, if I never see another Caribbean government gazette again in my life it will be far too soon!

I love my new life as a trainee teacher but will always look on my time at the Library as one of the most happy and fulfilling of my career. I hope I'll be able to come back on a visit before too long.

Natalie Kent writes



I am very pleased to be joining the full-time Inner Temple Library staff as a Library Assistant. Many of the Library users may, of course, already recognise me. For the past year I have been working in the

Library as an Evening Assistant, and prior to that I was Graduate Trainee at Lincoln's Inn Library. As a result, I am familiar with the Library and its collections, and I have received training in many aspects of finding and using legal information sources. I also won a student bursary in June to attend the BIALL (British and Irish Association of Law Librarians) Conference in Glasgow, which brought me up to date with recent key developments.

For the past year I have been studying for an MA in Library and Information Studies at UCL, and I completed my course in September. The course covered all aspects of librarianship. During this year, I particularly enjoyed being involved in an original research project with the Royal College of Physicians Library, investigating their seventeenth-century catalogue. I spent the summer writing my dissertation on seventeenth-century professional libraries, including those of the Inns of Court.

AccessToLaw: Personal Injury

Despite its being one of the smaller sections, with little more than a dozen or so entries, the [Personal Injury](#) section of the Library's **AccessToLaw** gateway site is one of the most frequently consulted - a reflection no doubt mainly of the amount of litigation which the topic generates, and perhaps also of the fact that significant changes have been made to the law in recent months, notably that relating to conditional fee agreements and damages-based agreements, and the role of claims management companies.

Claims Management Regulation is a section of the Justice web portal providing information on the role of the Claims Management Regulator in regulating claims management companies. Site content there includes guidance and policy documents, links to legislation and regulations, and occasional bulletins.

PI Brief Update is the site of a monthly email newsletter, free to those who sign up, providing brief details of the latest developments in personal injury law, particularly recent case law. **Hardwicke** is a set of barristers' chambers in Lincoln's Inn which specialises in many areas of civil litigation including personal injury. Accessible from the "Insights" tab at the head of its home page are many articles, case reports and newsletters, including an occasional *Personal Injury Newsletter*.

The *Actuarial Tables for Use in Personal Injury and Fatal Accident Cases*, commonly known as the Ogden Tables, are available online at **Government Actuary's Department: Ogden Tables**. The 4th, 5th and 6th editions are there besides the current 7th (2011) edition. The Ogden Tables are also reproduced on the site **piCalculator**, together with various calculators which are accessible only by subscribers. A simple free calculator for updating personal injury awards in line with inflation is available at **Personal Injury Calculator**, created by Richard Paige of Sovereign Chambers in Leeds.

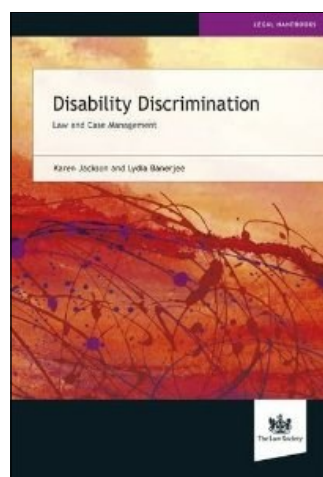
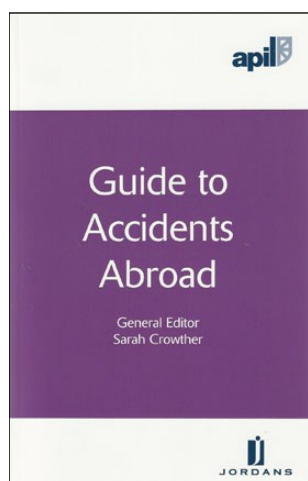
The **Motor Insurers' Bureau** provides through various agreements with the government the mechanism whereby victims of road accidents caused by negligent uninsured and untraced drivers can apply for and receive compensation. Various documents, notably its Uninsured Drivers' Agreements and Untraced Drivers' Agreements, are available for download from the site.

Compensation for blameless victims of violent crime in England, Scotland and Wales is made available through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme, administered by the **Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority**. Information provided on the Justice portal site covers several earlier versions of the scheme in addition to the current one (2012), and includes forms and guidance besides the scheme texts. The schemes and guidance may also be found via Justice's pages devoted to the **Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal**, the body which hears and decides appeals against awards made by the Authority. Other content there includes practice statements and protocols, and a link to decisions 1982 onwards on the Tribunals Judiciary website.

Service pension and compensation schemes, for injuries sustained as a result of service in the Armed Forces, are managed by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency, a part of the Ministry of Defence. Information on the GOV.UK website under the heading **Pensions and Compensation for Veterans** has details of the various schemes including the current Armed Forces Pension Scheme 2005, the War Pensions Scheme (for injuries sustained before 6 April 2005), and also a new scheme which is scheduled for introduction in 2015. Appeals against rejected claims under these schemes are heard in England and Wales by the **War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Tribunal**, and in Scotland by the **Pensions Appeal Tribunal Scotland**. Neither site has decisions, but both have information on their respective appeal procedures and links to rules and other legislation.

New Acquisitions

APIL guide to accidents abroad, general editor Sarah Crowther (Jordan) is written by a team of barristers at 3 Hare Court, and is the latest title in the APIL guides series, a number of which we already hold. It covers the Package Travel Regulations, jurisdiction and applicable law, direct action against insurers, shipping and aviation claims, and damages. The authors' explanatory commentary is supplemented by pleadings and precedents, together with relevant legislation and international materials.



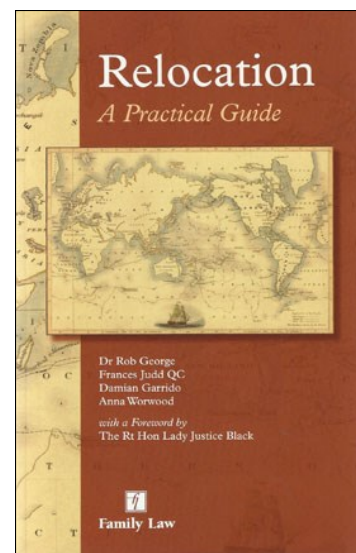
Karen Jackson and Lydia Banerjee's *Disability discrimination: law and case management* outlines the definitions brought in by the Equality Act 2010, such as disability as a protected characteristic and the distinction between direct and indirect discrimination. Other issues covered include

victimisation and harassment, associative and perceived discrimination, and the public sector equality duty. The authors dedicate a chapter to mental health conditions and provide an overview of the tribunal process for claims under the Act. Sample documents (statements of claim and of resistance, correspondence, etc.) are provided as appendices.

Extradition law by Edward Grange and Rebecca Niblock (LAG) provides a concise and practical guide to extradition procedure primarily (but not exclusively) within the context of the

European Arrest Warrant. This will serve as a handy quick-reference alternative to the larger-scale works by Jones and Doobay (2005) and Nicholls *et al.* (2013).

In addressing the subject of disputes between separated parents where one of them proposes to move to a different geographic location, Rob George and the other authors of *Relocation: a practical guide* (Jordan) seek to provide practitioners with “a book that [brings] all the information ... needed together in one place”. After putting relocation disputes in context, the authors discuss preliminary matters, bringing and opposing a relocation application, temporary international relocation, and appeals. The extensive appendices supply extracts from key legislation, practice directions, key cases on international relocation, forms and lists of contracting states of the Hague Conventions.



Many thanks are due to the following members of the Inn and others who have presented new titles and editions to the Library recently: Philip Kolvin QC for *Licensed premises: law, practice and policy*, 2nd edition and for *Sex licensing*; Barry Denyer-Green for *Compulsory purchase and compensation*, 10th edition; Julian Burling (editor with Kevin Lazarus) for *Research handbook on international insurance law and regulation*; Abdul-Haq al-Ani for *Genocide in Iraq*; and Master Butler-Sloss for *In the dock: examining the UK's criminal justice response to trafficking*, a report by the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group.