

# LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome!

*Vanessa Hayward, Keeper of the Library*

Welcome to the latest issue of the library newsletter. The most significant change to occur since December has been the introduction of new computers and a new library catalogue interface. The new machines have touchscreen monitors, run Windows 8.1 and MSOffice 2013 is installed on them.

The new library catalogue interface will (hopefully) provide more intuitive searching. It allows you to limit your results by author, format, date range and other criteria. It also performs 'fuzzy' searching for those difficult-to-spell words like encyclopaedia.

We have also reinvested in a subscription to Lexis.com, which provides more user-friendly and comprehensive access to US law resources. Lexis.com also provides access to a wide range of newspapers, full-text.

The first meeting of the Middle Temple Library User Group took place in March. Feedback generated from the group included comments on providing wider access to the textbooks available on Westlaw and Lexis, leading more student tours and hosting evening sessions where students could mingle with practitioners and learn more about pupillages and how to get them. We'll be investigating all of these ideas to see if we can integrate them into an enhanced library service.

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## London Legal Walk

The London Legal Walk takes place on 19 May. Starting at 5pm, this 10km raises funds for charities that provide free legal advice in London and the South East. In the 10th Anniversary year the walk will be led by The Right Honourable the Lord Judge (Treasurer of Middle Temple in 2014) and an array of legal luminaries.

You can donate to this worthwhile cause here: <http://t.co/gfx28Yksfs>. More information about the London Legal Walk is available at:

<http://londonlegalsupporttrust.org.uk/our-events/london-legal-walk-2014/>.

*New touch screen computers are now available to use in the library and a new library catalogue has been introduced.*

## Changes to Electronic Databases

*Erin Gow, EU & Government Publications*

Electronic databases are incredibly useful repositories of British and international law. They provide quick access to a range of case law, commentary, and legislation. The library subscribes to several excellent legal databases, and highlights additional free resources on our website: [www.middletemple.org.uk/library/electronic-resources](http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library/electronic-resources).

Regardless of whether you use electronic resources regularly, or if you just want to explore additional options for finding the law online, it is well worth taking a look at a few of the library's databases to see how they have changed recently.

*Lexis Library* recently had an overhaul in an effort to make the user interface (the look of the site) clearer and more user-friendly. Most of the same features are intact, but the pages are laid out very differently, and some of the features around the text of a case now appear in tabs or side-bars.

The European Union's free database *EUR-Lex* has also changed, and the new version is now the only option for current law, since the old interface was archived in March. The new database aims to be user-friendly and simpler to search, and provides easy access to authentic versions of the Official Journal. Regular *EUR-Lex* users may also notice that some of the more advanced features have been moved away from the initial pages. The url is: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>.

*The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting (ICLR)* has modified its online subscription database interface in an attempt to focus on recent materials, streamline case search results, and provide a display that works equally well on tablets and other mobile devices.

Informa's *iLaw.com* has also had a recent face lift in an effort to make it more user-friendly. It is worth noting that a complete list of the titles available through the library on this site can now be found by clicking on My Tools and then viewing the Subscription Library.

*Jordans'* database has been similarly revamped, and a new division into Practice Areas allows for searching by topic. To browse all the titles subscribed to by the library simply choose Law Reports Online.

In addition to all of these recent changes, the library catalogue itself will soon be undergoing a transformation, with a new user interface and more interactive features, including the facility to Ask A Librarian for assistance from wherever you may be working.

New electronic subscriptions have also been added to library holdings, and we are particularly proud to offer additional coverage of US law via a new subscription to the American Lexis database, *Lexis.com*.

*Various databases have been 'refreshed', including Eur-Lex, iLaw, ICLR and Jordans amongst others. All are available to use in the library.*

## New Acquisitions & Donations

*Hilary Woodard, Stock & Ecclesiastical Librarian*

ADODO, E – Letters of Credit: law and practice  
 ALDOUS, G – APIL guide to catastrophic injury claims  
 ALEXANDER, C – Charity governance  
 ANDREWS, N – Civil processes  
 ARNOTT, H – Parole board hearings  
 ASHTON, G – Elderly people and the law  
 BIGGS, K – Practitioner’s guide to probate and administration of estates  
 BIGGS, K – Step by step guide to wills and probate  
 BUCKLEY, R – Illegality and public policy  
 BURTON, M – Civil appeals  
 CABEZA, R – International adoption  
 COLLINS, M – Defamation  
 DAVEY, F – Leasehold disputes  
 GILES, D – Vexatious litigants and civil restraint orders  
 GOODMAN, D – Probate disputes and remedies  
 KRAMER, A – Law of contract damages  
 KRAMER, M – The ethics of capital punishment  
 LENZERINI, F – Culturalization of human rights law  
 MACDONALD, A – Rights of the child: annotated materials  
 MACMILLAN, J – Blackstone’s guide to the employment tribunals rules  
 MCCOLGAN, A – Discrimination equality and the law  
 MCFARLANE, B – Law of proprietary estoppel  
 MERKIN, R – Arbitration Act 1996  
 PATERSON, A – Final judgment: last law lords and the Supreme Court  
 PICHONNAZ, P – Set-off in arbitration and commercial transactions  
 RICHARDSON, M – Cyber crime: law and practice  
 RUBIO-MARIN, R – Human rights and immigration  
 SMITH, R – Textbook on international human rights  
 SPENCER, J – Hearsay evidence in criminal proceedings  
 TREITEL, G – Frustration and force majeure  
 VINTER, G – Project finance: a legal guide

**Donations** to the library: presented by author unless otherwise stated

ARLIDGE & PARRY – Fraud  
 BLAIR, M – Financial services law  
 BOOTH & SCHWARZ: Residence, domicile and UK taxation  
 MASOOD, H – Protection for religious rights: law and practice  
 OZIN, P – PACE: a practical guide to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984  
 SCHWARZ, J – Tax treaties  
 SERVICE charges and management (donated by Tanfield Chambers)  
 WILMOT-SMITH, R – Construction contracts: law and practice

## New U.S. Acquisitions

*Bernadette Keeley*

*US & Bibliographic Services Librarian*

ABRAMS, D.E. – Contemporary family law  
 BLANCK, P. – Disability, civil rights law & policy  
 BRADLEY, C.A. – International law in the U.S. legal system  
 BROWNING, J.G. – The lawyer’s guide to social networking  
 COFFEE, J.P. – Securities regulation  
 EPSTEIN, D.G. – Epstein’s bankruptcy & related law  
 GOULD, W.P. – A primer on American labor law  
 HART & WECHSLER: The Federal courts and the Federal system  
 KAY, H.H. – Conflict of laws  
 MILLER, M.L. – Criminal procedures  
 PARK, R. – Evidence law  
 PERLIN, M. – A prescription for dignity: rethinking criminal justice and mental disability  
 SCHOENBAUM, J. – Admiralty and maritime law  
 STATSKY, W.P. – Torts  
 WITKIN, J. – Environmental aspects of real estate and commercial transactions

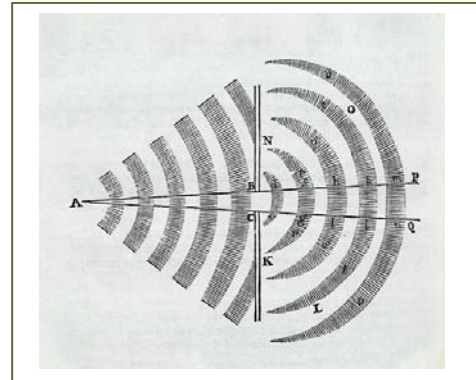
## Social Media Updates

Twitter: The Library's Twitter account has been going strong for over a year now. We have 341 followers and have made over 300 tweets since March 2013. In early April one of our students cheekily held up signs in the library window facing Henderson Chambers (@HendersonPupils) located across the lane, asking about pupillage. The 'conversation' was tweeted, and the photo below shows the outcome of the students' request.

Facebook: Our FB page was created in 2009. This year, our most popular post by far has been about Sean Jones QC's advice on being a barrister's spouse. Mr. Jones uses the Twitter hashtag #MarriedtotheBar to share such wisdom as: "Nothing spices up an otherwise trivial domestic row like being cross-examined relentlessly". A sample of Mr. Jones's tweets can be viewed at: <http://www.legalcheek.com/2014/04/top-14-legal-questions-asked-by-married-to-a-barrister/>.



*Henderson Chambers goodie bag received in response to tweets asking about pupillage*



*Illustration of Newton's theory of wave propagation in fluids, 1713*

## New Library Display

*Renae Satterley, Senior Librarian*

The latest library display features books and items from the Rare Books Collection and Archive on the theme of mathematical works from the early modern period.

The Rare Books Collection contains over 250 books on mathematics, including works on algebra, arithmetic, geometry and trigonometry. Works range in date from 1526 to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The majority of the books are in Latin, but some are in English, French and Italian. Most of the books are illustrated with intricate diagrams and/or engraved plates, some with moveable parts (called volvelles).

Books on display include Thomas Hood's *The making and use of the geometrical instrument called a sector* (1598) and Isaac Newton's *Philosophiae naturalis principia mathematica* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1713).

The display will run from May to August 2014 and is accompanied by a leaflet explaining how to make your own sundial.