



Lincoln's Inn
Library

DIGITAL SERVICES AND DATABASES



Lincoln's Inn Library
London WC2A 3TN

Tel: 020 7242 4371

Email: library@lincolnsinn.org.uk

Catalogue: www.lincolnsinnlibrary.org.uk

 twitter.com/lincolnsinn

 facebook.com/lincolnsinn

 instagram.com/lincolnsinn

May 2024

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

This includes virtually all the Library's printed holdings. The only exceptions, for which it is best to seek the advice of the staff, are some pre-1920 Roman, canon and European law, and some pre-1991 pamphlet material.

The catalogue is available online at www.lincolnsinnlibrary.org.uk. The catalogues of Gray's Inn, Inner Temple and Middle Temple can also be searched from the Lincoln's Inn catalogue by clicking on the "Other Inn library catalogues" option. Alternatively they can be searched independently at www.graysinn.org.uk/library/catalogue, www.innertemplelibrary.org and www.middletemplelibrary.org.uk

Staff are always willing to help with using the databases.

Ask if you would like an introductory tutorial.

Parliamentary materials:

Public Information Online

This is a web-based archive of searchable Parliamentary and Official documents, with access to Parliamentary publications as PDFs.

It contains publications from the Westminster Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland Assembly, Welsh Parliament (Senedd) and Scottish Government, and also Non-Parliamentary material.

The Public Information Online Pepper v Hart service allows you to follow the progress of a Bill as it goes through Parliament from introduction through to enactment and everything in between.

Channel Islands material (staff login)

The Library has access to the subscription-only part of the Jersey Legal Information Board website, containing the full text of restricted judgments, annotated laws and other materials not on the open site.

Cayman Islands material (staff login)

The library has access to the subscription-only part of the Cayman Islands Judicial Administration website, which includes unreported judgments and online versions of the *Cayman Islands Law Reports*.

CONTENTS

Using the Computers

Computers	1
WiFi Access	1
Printing	1
Log-ins For Subscription Databases	2

Databases

Lexis +.....	3
Lexis Practical Guidance	4
Westlaw UK	4
Lawtel	5
Practical Law	5
vLex	6
HeinOnline	6
ICLR Online	6
Parliamentary materials	7
Public Information Online	7
Channel Islands material	7
Cayman Islands material	7

<i>Library Catalogue</i>	7
--------------------------------	---

USING THE COMPUTERS

Computers

The PCs in the centre of the library are available for database access, internet browsing and word processing. Please note that all library PCs are wiped over night. To save your work to a memory stick, use the PCs with USB ports in the Upper Gallery north.

Wi-Fi Access

The library Wi-Fi network is available for readers to access the internet from laptops and phones. It does not provide access to the Library's subscription databases, which can be accessed from the library PCs. Ask at the enquiry desk for the Wi-Fi password.

Printing

Printing is available from the library PCs at a cost of 5p per page.

To print:

- Select print
- Wait for the dialogue box to open
- Click into the dialog box
- Tap your card on the card reader next to the computer.
- At the printer, tap your card on the card reader
- Choose "print release" and touch "print all" or choose the arrow button next to your document.

Cards can be bought at the enquiry desk for 80p and topped up by card or cash at the enquiry desk, or by cash at the top-up point in the centre of the Library.

vLex

In contrast to other electronic versions of legislation, the vLex (formerly Justis) version of legislation is based on the full text as originally enacted or made, which makes it particularly useful for retrospective searching of repealed or revoked legislation.

vLex UK Statutes contains the full text of Public General Acts from 1235 to date. The data from 1870 is derived from the Queen's Printer's copies as issued by the Stationery Office. From 1235 to 1869 the data is taken from the widely used, though unofficial, *Statutes at Large*, which in the case of certain pre-1797 Public Acts of a local nature and some expired Acts only includes the title, without the full text. Local Acts are also available as PDFs from the start of the series in 1797.

The coverage of SIs comprises all the Statutory Rules and SIs in force in 1948, as they appear in the printed revision of that date, and all general SIs thereafter. Until 1986 the data is derived from the official bound volumes, which omit local SIs (even if they were printed in loose form). From 1987 the data includes those local SIs that were printed in loose form as well as all general SIs.

HeinOnline

A fully searchable archive of the full text of back runs of a very large number of academic law journals - the bulk American law reviews, but with a number of English, Commonwealth, and international titles. Coverage, particularly for more recent issues, varies from title to title. PDF images of the original printed versions are provided.

ICLR Online

The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting have their own online service providing the full text of *The Law Reports*, the *Weekly Law Reports* and their other series. The reports will continue to be available on Westlaw and Lexis, but the ICLR service also includes data from the "Red Indexes", covering other leading series. ICLR Online is also a handy way of focussing a search just on leading authorities. PDFs of the printed reports are provided.

Legislation:

- The full text of statutes and SIs in force as amended.
- Historic versions of legislation as it was prior to later amendment. The text of different versions can be compared using the “compare versions” feature.
- Original text of many Acts no longer in force.

Commentary:

- The Index of Legal Terms, incorporating *Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law*, *Stroud's Judicial Dictionary of Words and Phrases* and *Osborn's Concise Law Dictionary*.
- A small number of Sweet & Maxwell titles

Journals

- Journal coverage provided by the Legal Journals Index, which indexes and abstracts all articles in UK journals from 1986.
- The full text of a number of journals, mostly published by Sweet & Maxwell.

Lawtel

Lawtel is now available via the Westlaw UK platform. The strength of this service is its coverage of recent unreported cases. Full summaries back to 1980 are provided. A button at the top of the summary indicates whether the full text of the transcript is available online. It has other features, including PI quantum cases, SIs and the articles index.

Practical Law

This know-how database is very widely used by solicitors' firms. As well as giving access to the same sources that instructing solicitors may be using, it has much content of use to barristers in its own right. It includes drafting precedents, transactional and procedural check-lists, practice notes and legal updates. Its multi-jurisdictional guides are particularly valuable in cross-border matters. It also has the full text of PLC magazine.

Log-ins for Subscription Databases

Where access to a subscription database is via IP recognition, without the need for a password, databases can be accessed by clicking the appropriate icon on the library homepage.

For other databases, which do not have their own icon on the desktop, ask the staff to log in for you. The URLs for these databases are included on the Library homepage under “Other online resources”.

We have a limited number of remote access logins available for Bloomsbury Professional Online and Lexis Practical Guidance. Ask Library staff for details. According to our licensing agreements, all other databases may only be accessed from within the Library.

Lexis +

Cases:

- The full text of a wide range of English law reports, mostly Butterworths series, but also including The Law Reports (1865-) and a limited range of other titles.
- Transcripts of unreported cases from 1980.
- The full text of a wide range of reported and unreported Scottish and Irish and Commonwealth cases.
- The All England Reporter, cited as All ER (D), which provides full summaries of recent unreported cases, with the full transcript when approved.
- Case Search - based on data from the 100 plus volumes of The Digest, which summarises over 250,000 of the earliest reported cases, together with the summaries of recent cases from the All England Reporter.

Legislation:

- The full text of statutes and SIs in force as amended.
- Additional annotations to Acts based on the printed version of *Halsbury's Statutes*.
- Watch for the yellow "Upcoming Amendments" icon at the top of any screen for very recent amendments not yet incorporated in the text.

Forms and Precedents:

- Online version of *The Encyclopedia of Forms and Precedents* and *Atkin's Court Forms*.

International:

- Cases, legislation and forms and precedents for Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore.

Commentary:

- Halsbury's Laws - the online version of the printed work.
- Is it in force? - an excellent source for the commencement dates of Acts.
- A small number of primarily Butterworths titles, including *Blackstone's Criminal Practice*, *The Family Court Practice* [the Red Book], and *Words and Phrases Legally Defined*.

Journals:

- The full text of a number of journals (mostly Butterworths titles).

News:

- A large number of newspapers and news sources in full text.

Lexis Practical Guidance

- Lexis Practical Guidance (formerly Lexis PSL) offers practice notes, forms, precedents and current awareness alerts across 35 practice areas, as well as practice area-specific calculators, checklists and flow charts.

Westlaw UK

Cases:

- Case analysis documents of all reported cases from 1947 and many unreported cases from 1999, including citatory and related information.
- The full text of some law report series, including those published by Sweet and Maxwell, *The Law Reports* (with PDFs), other series from the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting, and the *English Reports* (the reprint of the pre-1865 nominate reports).
- Transcripts of unreported cases from 1999.
- Watch for indicators of judicial consideration.

Cont'd overleaf