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Donation within the UK

- a) BIALL Duplicates Exchange Scheme. Details of this scheme (including subscription charges) are available on the BIALL website. You do not need to be a member of BIALL to use the scheme, but check with your librarian in case they are already a member. The scheme facilitates the disposal of unwanted books and journals by offering them to other members.
www.biall.org.uk/pages/duplicates-exchange-scheme.html
- b) Hoxton Trust Legal Advice Service, 156 Hoxton Street, London, N1 6SH. Tel: 020 7613 4174
- c) The Law Society library, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL. We are interested in specific titles to extend our collection of superseded texts but we are unable to purchase them since our priority is the current collection. Please contact the library with a list of titles.
Email: library@lawsociety.org.uk

Donation to libraries abroad

There are many organisations that will arrange the donation of books abroad. A few are listed here; each organisation has its own guidelines so it is sensible to check with them before sending material. You should enquire about transport; in some cases it can be arranged by the organisations.

- a) Education Aid, P.O. Box 3855, London NW9 9LZ. Refer to their website for guidelines.
www.educationaid.org.uk/guidelines.html Email: educationaid@aol.com
- b) International Law Book Facility (ILBF), 10 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ
DX 149121 Canary Wharf 3 www.ilbf.org.uk
The ILBF cannot accept texts that are not on their list. Details can be found on their website.
- c) The Statute Law Revision Society, DX 17212 Hereford 1.
Contact: Mr Victor Stockinger at stockinger@statutelaw.net

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Valuation

Valuations may be required for insurance. These tend to be higher than sale valuations so it is important to specify which kind of valuation you require. An insurance valuation will not include the administrative (staffing) costs of replacement. Law firms may wish to obtain a valuation before a merger or sale. Suggestions for organisations who will value collections (for insurance, auction or probate) include:

- a) Bloomsbury Auctions, Bloomsbury House, 24 Maddox Street, Mayfair, London W1S 1PP
www.bloomsburyauctions.com/index Tel: 020 7495 9494 info@bloomsburyauctions.com
- b) Wildy & Sons Ltd, Law Booksellers, Lincoln's Inn Archway, Carey St, London WC2A 2JD
www.wildy.com Tel: 020 7242 5778 Email: info@wildy.co.uk

Sale by auctioneers

If you feel the books may be rare as well as valuable, if for example they were printed before 1800, you should consider approaching auctioneers. It helps if you have a list of the items you want to sell with editions and dates. Make sure any auctioneer you consider has experience of legal books; ask to see a similar sale catalogue and find out whether these are widely circulated. Suggestions include:

- a) Bloomsbury Auctions, Bloomsbury House, 24 Maddox Street, Mayfair, London W1S 1PP
www.bloomsburyauctions.com/index Tel: 020 7495 9494 info@bloomsburyauctions.com
- b) Bonhams, 101 New Bond Street, London, W1S 1SR
www.bonhams.com Tel: 020 7447 7427 Email: books@bonhams.com

Sale by other means

If your collection is modern, the booksellers listed may be able to advise you on whether there is a market. If the value is likely to be low, you may consider donating them to a charity or book project. Alternatively, you may wish to try the following:

- a) The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting
www.lawreports.co.uk/Publications/forsale.htm
The ICLR offer a "For sale and wanted service" for second-hand sets or part sets of The Law Reports, The Weekly Law Reports, The English Reports and The Industrial Cases Reports. Details can be found on their website.
- b) Law-Link, 117 Victoria Road, Horley, Surrey, RH6 7AS
www.law-link.co.uk Tel: 01293 783558 Email: info@law-link.co.uk
- c) Wildy & Sons (see above)

The Library, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL, DX 56 Lon/Chancery Ln

Library Enquiries: 0870 606 2511

Library Fax: 020 7831 1687

Library e-mail: library@lawsociety.org.uk

Library website: <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/library>

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