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Introduction

Law Society Library Online is a detailed guide to the library's extensive collection of books, journals and law reports, as well as an information source for English cases, EU documents, commencements of statutes, and queries and enquiries. It also provides access to a LexisLibrary journal index and selected current awareness.

N.B. The database is an index of resources with links to freely available sources online if appropriate and to content on LexisLibrary (only available within the library **or** if you have a subscription to LexisLibrary). Other online databases are available within the Law Society library covering full text legislation, cases and journal articles.

Getting started

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Law Society Library update
***R v Britton**
07/10/09 from General Case Digest
Sentence – Imprisonment. In the instant unusual case, the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, refused leave to the defendant to appeal against the sentence of four years' imprisonment imposed following her conviction for conspiracy to pervert the course of public justice, the defendant having made a series of false allegations to the police over a period of five months, in which she claimed that s
***Edwards v Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**
07/10/09 from General Case Digest
Unfair dismissal – Constructive dismissal. A judge of the Queen's Bench Division held that the adoption of disciplinary regulations by a body disenabled that body from dismissing a claimant on disciplinary grounds until the procedure prescribed by those regulations had been carried out. Accordingly, the maximum amount that the employee could recover was increased from the basic three-month cap ord

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Title E.g. expert determination
Author E.g. Ede AND Shepherd
Edition E.g. 4th
Series E.g. Law Commission reports
Published Before YYYY
Published After YYYY

The **Books Quick Search** will find search terms anywhere within the book records. Chapter headings are added to the book records, so using this search will find your search terms in the title, subject or chapter headings; making this an ideal search if you are unsure of what you are looking for.

The **Books Detailed Search** can be searched by Title, Author, Edition, Series, Publication year or any combination of these as in example here for Clerk and Lindsell on Tort, 19th edition.

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Journal and Law Reports

An index of the library's law reports and journals containing holdings information.

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Journals and Law Report Titles

Search across an index of all the Journals and Law Report titles series held in the Law Society library.

Quick Search

Keyword(s) E.g. planning AND environment

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Detailed Search

Title E.g. Law Society Gazette

Abbreviation E.g. ICLR

The **Journal and Law Report Titles Quick Search** will search anywhere in the record.

The **Detailed Search** will search just the title of the record, but can also be used to search by abbreviation e.g. LSG will find Law Society Gazette.

Queries and Enquiries Database (QEDs)

These records are produced by Law Society library staff and contain a wealth of information that has previously been researched by the librarians. They include details of sources for precedents, answers to frequently asked questions and a wide variety of difficult to find legal information.

Commencement Order Index

This provides information on the commencement of statutes by statutory instruments. Data is available from 1974 to the present, with links provided to the full text from 1987 under External Links. If you have a subscription to LexisLibrary you can also use the links in the abstract to link to the full text.

EU Developments

This contains information compiled by Law Society librarians tracking EU legislation and other policies. It can be searched by keyword, by subject or by Directive or Regulation number (e.g. 2007/64/EC).

English Cases Index

This provides references to cases which have been published in English national newspapers and selected law reports. It covers cases from the early 1990s to the present, with selected cases going back to 1975. Links to BAILII transcripts are provided under External Links where available, and links to records on LexisLibrary are provided in the citation field. Please note that you need to be in the library to access these, or have a subscription to LexisLibrary. You can also use this search to find cases on LexisLibrary by ticking the box above the search button to "include results from LexisLibrary".

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Biographies

This contains brief biographical information on previous Law Society office holders and prominent historical figures associated with the Law Society.

LexisLibrary Journal Index and Publications

This searches the UK Journals Index, which provides summaries of articles from the early 1990s onwards, from a range of 120 legal journal titles; the Major Works Updater provides summaries of updates to information in LexisLibrary sources.

LexisLibrary Current Awareness

This searches a small selection of current awareness material, including cases, legislation, new regulations and interviews. A selection of 30 articles is added each month and is available to be searched and viewed for 12 months from initial publication.

Searching hints and tips

If you are searching using more than one word, connect them with AND, as Library Online searches for phrases. Therefore **precedents conveyancer** will not find anything whereas **precedents AND conveyancer** will.

Boolean connectors eg **and**, **or**, **not** can all be used. For more details and other connectors see Help. Words can be truncated using the ! symbol, e.g. house! would retrieve house, houses, household etc. Use an asterisk * to replace characters anywhere in a word except the first character e.g. cl*rk* would find clerk, clerks, Clark and Clarke.

Locating Stock in the Law Society library

Books in the main library will have a shelfmark beginning with **LIB** and are available in the library on open access. For example **LIB BAY 4 AGN (B)** means the item is in the main library at BAY 4, in the Agency section. The code AGN (B) will be on the spine of the book.

Journals in the main library will have a shelfmark beginning with the bay number and then the word **JOURNAL** followed by the first letter of the title. For example, **209 JOURNAL (E)** is in the main library at BAY 209 in the journals sequence where the titles start with the letter E.

Material kept in stores outside the main library, but within the Chancery Lane vicinity, have other shelfmarks such as **V67**, **V63**, **R105**, **COM**, **CAR** etc. These can be requested from the stores by asking the librarian at the library enquiry desk, or calling the library on 0870 606 2511 and asking that material be fetched in advance of your visit. 24hrs is ample.

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