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Donation within the UK

The Law Society Library, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

t: 020 7320 5946 e: library@lawsociety.org.uk

We are interested in specific titles to extend our collection of superseded texts. However we are unable to purchase them or cover postage costs since our priority is the current collection. Please contact the library by email with a list of the titles you are disposing of.

Donation to libraries abroad

Some organisations will arrange the donation of books abroad. Each organisation has their own guidelines so check with them before sending material.

International Law Book Facility (ILBF)

10 Upper Bank Street, London, E14 5JJ.

DX 149121 Canary Wharf 3

The ILBF have a preferred list of core texts, details can be found on their website www.ilbf.org.uk

Law Association of Zambia

The Law Association of Zambia seek donations of law texts for their library. For further details contact their librarian B C Laimo. Books can be sent directly to the librarian or via the ILBF.

www.laz.org.zm e: bclaimo@yahoo.com

Nick Webber Trust

Nick Webber Trust supplies legal books to law libraries. Potential donors can send their list of books to the charity.

www.nickwebbertrust.org.uk/ e: info:@nickwebbertrust.org.uk

Valuations

Valuations may be required for insurance purposes. 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. Organisations who value collections (for insurance, auction or probate) include:

Bloomsbury Auctions

Bloomsbury House, 24 Maddox Street, Mayfair, London W1S 1PP

www.bloomsburyauctions.com

t: 020 7495 9494 e: info@bloomsburyauctions.com

Wildy & Sons Ltd

Law Booksellers, Lincoln's Inn Archway, Carey St, London WC2A 2JD



www.wildy.com

t: 020 7242 5778 e: enquiries@wildy.co.uk

Sale by auctioneers

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

Bloomsbury Auctions

Details as above.

Sotheby's

34-35 New Bond Street, London W1A 2AA

www.sothebys.com/en.html t: 020 7293 5000

Bonhams

101 New Bond Street, London W1S 1SR

www.bonhams.com t: 020 7447 7447

Sale by other means

If you have a range of old and modern material you may wish to try the following who may be able to advise whether there is a market for your books

Wildy & Sons Ltd (as above).

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t: 020 7320 5946

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f: 020 7831 1687

w: www.lawsociety.org.uk/library