Finding resources for Law
Changes in the library

• LRC is closed to students
• Student and IT Support has moved into the library
• 1 East Helpdesk – library enquiries
• 1 West Helpdesk – IT enquiries
• Undergraduates can now borrow **15 books**
• New MFDs
• New library website
• Law books now on 3 East and 4 East
  • Law Ref on 4 East

Reminder: we are cashless!
Law Reference
4 East

- Law reference books
- Law encyclopaedias
- Halsbury’s Laws
- Kemp and Kemp
- Law Report series’
The aim of today’s session

To help you find good quality information on law

By the end of this session you will:
• Be able to find journal articles
• Be able to find the law databases on Libguides
• Know how to search Westlaw and Lexis
• Be familiar with basic OSCOLA
What is a journal article?

**Journal**
- an academic magazine
- usually focussed on a specific subject such as law or an area of law

**Article**
- an essay or piece of writing that has been published in a journal
- usually written by an academic or researcher

**Scholarly/peer reviewed journal**
- high quality journal
- article has been scrutinised by experts (‘peers’) in the same field
Joe Purshouse, ‘The reasonable expectation of privacy and the criminal suspect’ (2016) 79 MLR 871
Deciphering Legal Abbreviations

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Need to know what MLR is an abbreviation of?
• Use Cardiff Index for Legal Abbreviations

Cardiff Index will show
• what an abbreviation stands for
• which is the best abbreviation for a journal title or law report series
Finding a specific article
Search for the journal on MyLSBU

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1. Select the Journals tab
2. Search for the journal title
3. Select a database that covers the relevant year/volume (in this case, 2016)
Researching your subject: on and off-campus

**Resources**
- Books and e-books
- Journals and e-journals
- Online, searchable collections of journal articles, reports
- Data and statistics
- TV & radio programmes

**Where to find them**
The Law Libguide
https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law
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- Library catalogues
- Databases
- Training materials
- Contact details
- Current awareness

A work in progress!
Contact details for 1:1 support

Contact details for library account enquiries

Links to Libguides for the library, IT Support, Moodle, MyLSBU

Tabs for resources and referencing
Databases

• Legal Databases
  • Westlaw
  • Lexis

• Academic databases
  • SocIndex
  • Academic Search Complete
  • SAGE etc
Westlaw

Cases
• Also has full text of the Law Reports
• Weekly Law Reports and 30 specialist titles
• Most comprehensive case-finding database for England & Wales
• Brief case histories also included

Legislation
• Legislation in force, including commencement and amendment information

Journals
• Legal Journals Index - shows content of almost all UK legal journals
• 80 full text journals
Lexis Library

Cases
• 40+ specialist law reports in full text
• All England Law Reports/ The Law Reports
• Unreported cases from mid-1980s onwards
• Only source for NI case law

Legislation
• England & Wales - Public & General Acts plus Statutory Instruments
• Full Scottish Parliament Acts and SIs

Journals
• Over 60 full text journals aimed at an academic audience
Lawtel

- Current awareness digest service - brief case reports, usually within a day of a judgment being made
- Link to full transcripts (in Westlaw) as they become available
- Cases date back to the mid-80s
Search tips

Phrase searching
Westlaw presumes AND between each word – data protection is data AND protection; needs to be “data protection” to search as a phrase. Lexis presumes phrase searching – data protection is “data protection” unless separated by AND.

Truncation
Use ! as the truncation symbol in the legal databases.
  eg. child! would find child, children, childhood.
Use * for academic databases
  eg. manag* would find manage, manages, managing etc.
Websites

- Make sure they’re good quality sites!
  - Official sites
  - Follow up recommendations from lecturers or books/journal articles

Leveson inquiry
http://www.levesoninquiry.org.uk/

Human Rights blog
http://ukhumanrightsblog.com/

Guardian newspaper law page
http://www.theguardian.com/law
Referencing

Why reference?

• To acknowledge other people’s ideas
• To enable your reader to trace your sources
• To prove that you have done research and that you have included others’ ideas
• To support your ideas and arguments
• To avoid charges of plagiarism which is a serious academic offence
OSCOLA

- Used only for Law
- Footnotes
- Abbreviations

- OSCOLA bible

- Citing the Law
  https://ilrb.cf.ac.uk/citingreferences/oscola/tutorial/index.html
Footnotes

• Footnotes at the end of sentences in superscript (little number above the text)

• If the name of a case or the name of piece of legislation is named in the text, it is not necessary to repeat it in a footnote (though you can if you want to)
  • Still need to add the details of case in footnote, however

• “Pinpoints” are the page numbers where the quotes can be found

Microsoft Word References Tab
Insert Footnote
It is well represented in the case law, perhaps most notably in the expression of the no conflict rule advocated by Lord Upjohn in *Phipps v Boardman*, 31 and in the earlier Court of Appeal decision in *Boulting v Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians*. 32 In *Boulting* [or in the *Boulting* case], Upjohn LJ said that the rule ‘must be applied realistically to a state of affairs which discloses a real conflict of duty and interest and not to some theoretical or rhetorical conflict’. 33 In *Phipps*, Lord Upjohn developed his view of the rule further by adding that there must be a ‘real sensible possibility of conflict’. 34

Footnotes:
31 [1967] 2 AC 46 (HL).
32 [1963] 2 QB 606 (CA).
33 *Boulting* (n 32) 638. OR 33 ibid 638.
34 *Phipps* (n 31) 124.
Accessing other libraries

• SCONUL Access
  • Access other university libraries around the UK
  • May have borrowing rights
  • Generally access to print resources only
  • Eduroam allows laptop Internet access at some institutions

Library Services LibGuide
https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/library
Further training

- Assignment Surgeries
- Workshops
  - Refworks
  - Literature searching
- Book on via the calendar on the Training tab
Where to get Help
Library and Learning Resources

Library
Helpdesk – 1 East
library@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6607/6615

IT Support
Helpdesk – 1 West
llr-ithelpdesk@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6678

Digital Skills
Digital Skills Centre
digitalskills@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6610
Library and Learning Resources

Academic Liaison Team (ALT)

Law and Social Sciences
LLRLss@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk, 3 Bridge
Mon-Fri, 12.00-4pm
Social Media

Search in Facebook for LSBU Library and Learning Resources

Search Twitter for @LLRlsbu

Read our blog: https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/llrblog/generalblog

Find us on Instagram  LLR@LSBU
Any questions?