Working in the 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 encyclopedias
• Halsbury’s Laws
• Kemp and Kemp
• Law Report series’
The aim of this session

- To explore the different information available on Personal Injury in:
  - Kemp & Kemp: Quantum of Damages
  - Lawtel
Kemp & Kemp: Quantum of Damages

- Volume 1
  - Tables of cases, Legislation and Rules

- Volume 2
  - Medico-Legal material
  - Glossaries of Medical Terms
  - Awards tables

- Volumes 3 & 4
  - Table of awards and judgements, arranged by body part.

Can be found in the Law Reference section at 346.0323 KEM
Judicial College (JC) Guidelines
(formerly known as the Judicial Studies Board (JSB) Guidelines)

- Provide an idea of the size of the damages a person can expect.

- Where can you find them?
  - Kemp & Kemp:
    - At the beginning of the volume for a particular injury
  - Lawtel:
    - JC Guidelines in the Menu section.
Group task

The Judicial Studies Board Guidelines in Volumes 3 and 4 which give the range of award (compensation, damages) possible

• Find the type of injury in the Contents

• Go to the appropriate section

• Gives the basic range of awards
Group task

At the start of volumes 3 & 4 of Kemp and Kemp you will find the Judicial Studies Board Guidelines

What range of award could you expect if you lost one kidney but there was no damage to the other, with 10% uplift?
£26,980 - £39,360

What range of award could you expect if you suffered from severe post-traumatic stress disorder, before 10% uplift?
£47,720 - £80,250
10% Uplift

Simmons v Castle [2012] EWCA Civ 1288

10% increase in general damages, with effect from 1 April 2013
Find similar cases

- Where?
  - Kemp & Kemp:
    - Look up cases under each injury.
    - Awards Table in each section lists the main cases and settlements.
  - Lawtel:
    - PI Quantum Reports in the Menu section.
  - Lexis Library:
    - Choose Practice Areas then Personal Injury
  - Westlaw:
    - Choose Cases then use the subject/keyword.
Allow for inflation

You can find the **Inflation Calculator** in Lawtel

Specialist Areas – Personal Injury – Practice Tools – Calculators – Inflation Calculator
Calculate other damages

- Future loss of earnings:
  - Find the Ogden actuarial tables in Lawtel:
    Specialist Areas – Personal Injury – Practice Tools – Special Damage Tools – Actuarial (Ogden) tables

- Loss of congenial employment
  - Smith v Manchester award

- Future medical expenses
Following the decision of the Court of Appeal in Heil v Rankin [2000] 3 All ER 138,

- awards at the highest level should be increased by around one third
- awards below £10,000 will remain at their present levels
- awards in between will be subject to tapered increases

Heil v Rankin must be considered after Kemp & Kemp, etc. consulted

Lawtel’s inflation calculator can take Heil v Rankin into account
Accessing Lawtel
Law Libguide – Legal Resources

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law/legalresources

Law: Legal Resources
JC Guidelines on Lawtel Specialist Areas – Personal Injury

SEARCH PERSONAL INJURY

PI Quantum Reports
JC Guidelines
Rules, Schedules and Pre-Action Protocols
Statutory Instruments
Parliamentary Bills
Command Papers

Statutory Law
Case Law
Case Comments
Practice Directions
Articles Index

From:  To:

SEARCH CLEAR

DAILY UPDATES
Latest Lawtel Personal Injury Update
Lawtel PI Bulletin

PI QUANTUM REPORTS
QR Advanced Search
PSLA Calculator
PI Trends & Analysis
Submit My Quantum
Quantum Reports

Searches for similar cases to yours so you can make comparisons

Can enter specific search criteria

Free text could bring back irrelevant results

PSLA - Pain, Suffering, Loss of Amenity
- Known as general damages
- Governed by the figures published annually by the Judicial Studies Board (JSB)
Your turn!

Quantum Reports – Advanced Search

Look for cases involving a 35 year old woman who has damaged her elbow
Your turn!

Quantum Reports – Advanced Search

Look for cases involving a 35 year old woman who has damaged her elbow
Where to get help

Law and Social Sciences
LLRIss@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk, 3 Bridge
Mon-Fri, 12.00-4pm
Any questions?