Finding resources on Entertainment and Media Law
In today’s session

Aim: to help you find materials for your projects

By the end of this session you will:

• Be able to identify which resources will provide good quality material on entertainment and media law
• Be able to use Westlaw and LexisLibrary to find relevant, good quality information
• Be able to use the academic databases to find good quality journal articles
Law LibGuide

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

- Library catalogues
- Databases
- Training materials
- Contact details
- Current awareness
Westlaw and Lexis

Law databases used by legal firms throughout UK
Crucial for finding material for your LLB
Important as real-world skill to offer employers

Provide access to full-text:
Case reports
Legislation
Journal articles

Westlaw and Lexis provide access to different case report series and different journals
So you need to use both!
Data and Communications – Media and entertainment – Racist language and censorship in the media – Key Acts
Searches if any of the following have been released or published on a particular subject within the last 90 days:

Cases
Legislation
Official and Non-Official Publications
Press Releases
Newspapers and Journal Articles
IDS Current Awareness
Find this case

In Westlaw, click on **Cases** tab at top of screen

Find the case report for:

**Cruddas v Adams**

Open the **Case Analysis**

Which areas of law [*subjects*] did this case cover?
Defamation; Damages; Information technology; Media and entertainment

Which pieces of legislation were cited during this case?
Defamation Act 1952 (c.66) s.12
European Convention on Human Rights 1950 art.10
Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41)
Serious Crime Act 2007 (c.27) s.44
Serious Crime Act 2007 (c.27) s.61(b)
Find this statute

In Westlaw, click on **Legislation** tab at top of screen

Find:
**Digital Economy Act 2010**

- Click on **Arrangement of Act** to open up contents
- Next to Sections 17 & 18 you can see this symbol: 🔴
  What does it mean?
  Repealed
- Next to Sections 19,20,& 21 you can see this symbol: 🔴
  What does it mean?
  Not yet in force
Focussing and broadening your search

• Use **AND** to focus your search (this will give you fewer results)
  • eg freedom of expression **AND** Twitter
  • not needed in Westlaw

• Use **OR** to broaden your search (this will give you more results)
  • eg privacy **OR** confidentiality **OR** anonymity

• Use **NOT** to exclude a topic (this will give you fewer results)
  • eg social media **NOT** Facebook
Truncation and phrase searching

Truncation in Westlaw/Lexis Library
Use ! to find different possible endings to a word
- eg: legislat! would find legislate, legislation, legislative, legislature etc

Truncation in journal databases
Use * to find different possible endings to a word
- eg: organi* would find organisation, organization, organised, organise, organising etc

Phrase searching in Westlaw and journal databases
Use “” [quotation marks] to search for a phrase
- eg “social media” OR “user-generated content” OR “social networks”
not needed in Lexis Library
Find some journal articles

In Westlaw, click on **Journals** tab at top of screen

Click on **Advanced Search** at top of screen

In the **Journal Title** box type:
- “Entertainment Law Review”
- In the **Free Text** box type: privacy “social media”

In Lexis, click on **Journals** tab at top of screen

- In the **Search terms** box type: privacy and social media
- Click on **Search**
- On left hand side of screen, under **Narrow by source name**, choose **Communications Law**
Academic Journals

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

Huge, searchable collections of journal articles
Good for the academic perspective on legal issues

- Download/email/print off as many articles as you like
- Types of journals
  - Academic/peer-reviewed
  - Trade/practitioner
- Full text not always available; may just see abstract
Academic Search Complete

Wide subject base
Academic journal articles
Sage Premier

Wide subject base
Academic and non-academic fulltext journal articles
Practice time

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Use at least one academic journal database to find cases and journal articles on a subject relating to your assignment or an area of law you are interested in.
Accessing other libraries

• Interlibrary loans
  • Up to 20 requests per year

• 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
• Used only for Law
• Footnotes
• Abbreviations

• OSCOLA bible

• Citing the Law
  https://ilrb.cf.ac.uk/citingreferences/oscola/tutorial/index.html
1:1 support

Book a 1:1 with an Information Skills Librarian
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• Referencing
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Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
Any questions?