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: \( \text{R} \)
  What does it mean?
  Repealed
- Next to Sections 19, 20, & 21 you can see this symbol: \( \text{N} \)
  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
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.

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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
OSCOLA Referencing

• 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
• Using RefWorks

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Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
Any questions?