



WELCOME!

Renae Satterley, Librarian

Welcome to the latest Middle Temple Library newsletter.

In April we welcomed our new member of staff, Harpreet Dhillon. Harpreet joins us from the City of London Libraries and will be responsible for cataloguing and maintaining Workflows and Enterprise, the catalogue's operating systems. Harpreet replaces Louise James, who joined the University of Warwick. Louise's EU duties have been taken over by Lenka Geidt, who was promoted to Assistant Librarian.

Our exhibition on Rosicrucianism finishes at the end of June - it displays early 17th century works on this somewhat esoteric society, and is discussed in more detail on page six. Our next exhibition will be entitled 'The Art of Disagreeing Badly' and will feature 16th and 17th century works of polemic arguments on church history. It has been organized in conjunction with Stefan Bauer and Beth Hume of the University of York. The exhibition will run from July to September.

The Library's subscription to Lexis.com (covering American case law and legislation) finished at the end of March. We are still waiting for LexisNexis to offer us an alternative subscription. In the meantime, Westlaw will cover any material required for American legal research and see page five of the newsletter for other resources.

The Online Bibliographic Services section of the American Association of Law Libraries chose our Brexit page for their May 2017 website of the month. They have created a dedicated MARC (Machine Readable Cataloguing) record for it, which will make it easier for cataloguers to include it in their catalogue, and thus make it more accessible to a wider audience. See page two for updates concerning our Brexit activities.

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LEGAL RESEARCH TRAINING

Adam Woellhaf, Training & Development Librarian

In June the Library is running two legal research training sessions:

Legal Research Skills & Techniques – Monday 19th June, 6pm

This session covers legal research finding tools and resources, online and in print, as well as offering guidance on navigating the internet when conducting electronic legal research. Legislation, case law and commentary sources will all be covered.

Navigating the Free Legal Web – Wednesday 21st June, 6pm

Highlights some of the best and most useful free legal resources on the internet. Different practice areas will be looked at, along with foreign and international resources and different legal materials, from legislation to case reports.

Book your place by contacting the Library (library@middletemple.org.uk or 020 7427 4830). Open to all Inns of Court members.

BREXIT RESOURCES UPDATE

Lenka Geidt, Assistant Librarian

In the last issue of this newsletter, I introduced the Middle Temple Library Brexit links:

<http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-archive/library/electronic-resources/links-lawyers/brexit>

Since then, a lot has happened and it is hard to believe how quickly the process towards Brexit has moved forward. Let's mention a few milestones:

- on 16 March 2017, The European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Act 2017 was given Royal Assent;
- The Great Repeal Bill White Paper was published in the same month;
- on 29 March 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May wrote a letter to President of the European Council Donald Tusk notifying him in accordance with Article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the EU.

As soon as the Article was triggered, the EU institutions began publishing their official statements, documents and negotiation guidelines. The clock is ticking towards the deadline in two years' time!

In terms of the library's Brexit activities, we've been promoting our collection of online resources via social media and various legal information email lists and the responses we've received from all around the world have been very encouraging. The Brexit resource has been retweeted several times by law librarians from Melbourne to Massachusetts, used during a taught session for LSE students and university staff, and even became the Online Bibliographic Services section of the American Association of Law Libraries' website of the month:

<https://www.aallnet.org/sections/obs/Website-of-the-Month/webomonth.html>

Use the Library's document delivery service to request scanned copies of articles contained within our Brexit bibliographies. The service is free to all Middle Templars under 10 years call and practising on Circuit, and students get a 10% discount on normal charges. Visit our website to find out more:
<http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-and-archive/library/library-services/document-delivery-service>



A map of Europe from the 1603 edition of 'Theatrum orbis terrarum' (Theatre of the World). First published in 1570 by Flemish mapmaker Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598).

However, we are aware that the work has only just begun. I continue to follow closely all developments and regularly update our list of Brexit legal events. So keep an eye on the links. As a taster for now, I picked some relevant resources which were recently added:

The Bar Council started publishing second editions of their Brexit papers (already!) originally published in December 2016. That just illustrates how quickly things change:

<http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/media-centre/publications/2017/2017/march/the-brexit-papers-second-edition/>

There is a new section on Irish resources including The Irish Bar, Government & Parliament and other bodies such as the Centre for Cross Border Studies (<http://crossborder.ie/>) and the Irish Centre for European Law (<http://www.icel.ie/index>).

The Constitution Society, an independent educational foundation which debates constitutional reform, has produced a number of reports on the constitutional and legal implications of Brexit: <http://consoc.org.uk/>

UNFAMILIAR ABBREVIATIONS: JERSEY LAW

Elizabeth Alderson, *Administrative & Ecclesiastical Librarian*

Example:

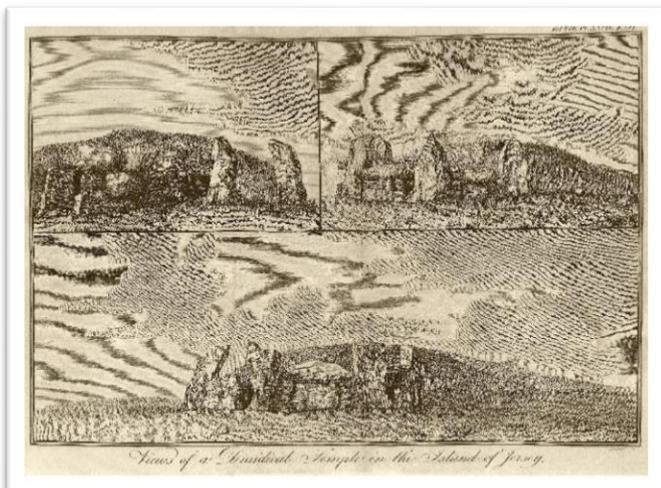
[2017] JRC 049 Kuwait Oil Tanker Company-v-Al Mutawa and Chadwick 27-Mar-2017

A document delivery request for several cases, all using the abbreviation “JRC” was received in the Library. The source wasn’t familiar and the abbreviation wasn’t listed in the Cardiff Index or Raistrick’s *Index to legal citations and abbreviations*. Raistrick’s *Index* did have another abbreviation which was close, and this suggested that the case might be from the Jersey Courts. A leap into one of our books – *Jersey Insolvency and Internet Tracking* by Anthony Dessain and Michael Wilkins – revealed that “JRC” was the Royal Court of Jersey, and that the abbreviation was used for unreported cases.

Listed on the Library’s ‘Links for Lawyers’ page is the website of the **Jersey Legal Information Board**, the official source of information for Jersey:

<https://www.jerseylaw.je/Pages/default.aspx>

This proved to be a very useful resource. The Jersey Legal Information Board holds a record of unreported judgements, as issued by the courts themselves, from 1997 onward. These judgements are free to view. The website records Jersey laws in full, and it also has a glossary of legal terminology used in the Jersey Courts.



18th-century artwork of the megalithic monument and ruins uncovered on the island of Jersey in 1785, published in Volume 8 (1787) of 'Archaeologia', the journal of the Society of Antiquaries of London.

THE EXONERATED

Bernadette Keeley, *Librarian UK & US Collections*



Performance of *The Exonerated* at Middle Temple Hall. Image courtesy of Amicus

A powerful and very moving performance of the award winning play *The Exonerated* took place in Middle Temple Hall on 16 May. This performance was produced by Amicus – the UK based charity who provide representation to death row prisoners in the US through a combination of internships, casework and training. The play written by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen was first performed in 2002 at a New York theatre. It focuses on the stories of six death row exonerees using a combination of legal documents, transcripts and interviews. The authors describe *The Exonerated* as a ‘play about strength, hope, redemption, and forgiveness’.

The Amicus production was performed by a combination of actors, barristers and exonerees. Amicus describe their production as an exploration of death row innocence and the implications of racial bias and court system politicisation on full access to justice.

One of the exonerees was Sonia (Sunny) Jacobs who played herself and described her experience of 17 years imprisonment for the wrongful conviction of murdering two Florida police officers in 1976. Her first husband Jesse Tafero also wrongfully convicted of the murders died in a botched execution which caused worldwide outrage.

There were moments of strong emotion throughout the evening when both the audience and performers were in tears at the stories of these six innocent death row survivors.

I would say that it’s one of the most memorable plays I’ve ever seen.

AMERICAN LEGAL RESOURCES

Adam Woellhaf, Training & Development Librarian

The Middle Temple Library specialises in US legal research resources and in April, with the help of my colleague Bernadette (our US Librarian), I delivered a training session on American legal research.

Below I will go over some of the resources to help you with US legal research tasks. Included are free open access sources on the web, as well as subscription databases and hardcopy materials you can access when you visit the Library.

The Constitution

You can find the US constitution on a number of free websites. It's included in the US code: uscode.house.gov It's also available on the US Government Printing Office's (GPO) site gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectiontab.action and at Cornell LII [law.cornell.edu/ancon](http://www.law.cornell.edu/ancon)

Statutes

Statutes at Large are available from 1951-2011 on the GPO site: gpo.gov/fdsys as well as 'slip laws' from 1995 up until today. These are official and 'digitally signed'. You can also access public laws from 1993 on the official site of Congress: congress.gov

If you're using a subscription source, Statutes at Large from 1798 are accessible on HeinOnline and from 1973 on Westlaw Next.

The US Code

The Code is a codified version of all federal laws in force on a certain date. It is published in hardcopy every six years by the GPO with interim annual cumulative supplements. It is similar to Halsbury's Statutes, only official. The Library doesn't collect the print version, but it is accessible online for free on the House of Representatives website:

<http://uscode.house.gov/>.

It's also available on the GPO site: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionUSCode.action> A further version is available via Cornell LII: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text>

The Code is also available in an annotated up-to-date version on Westlaw Next and up to 2012 on HeinOnline.

State Statutes and Constitutions

Westlaw Next will have an extensive collection of state resources, and for free you can try gateway sites like FindLaw – for state statutes: <http://statelaws.findlaw.com/> and codes: <http://statelaws.findlaw.com/state-codes.html> You can also find links to constitutions and statutes on Cornell LII: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/states/listing>

Federal Case Law

Supreme Court cases contained within the United State Reports from 1991-2008 and slip opinions from 2009 onwards can be accessed on the US Supreme Court's website: supremecourt.gov

FindLaw has access to Supreme Court cases from 1893 onwards, Courts of Appeal cases from mid-1990s onwards and links to District Court websites for other federal cases: caselaw.findlaw.com

Westlaw Next has all reported cases from the reporters published by West and many unreported cases. HeinOnline has the United States Reports and Early American Case Law.

State Case Law

Try the National Center for State Courts for links to state court websites, most of which provide collections of cases: ncsc.org Also try Cornell LII: [law.cornell.edu/states/listing](http://www.law.cornell.edu/states/listing)

FindLaw also has a searchable database of state cases: <http://caselaw.findlaw.com/>

Google Scholar

You can search an extensive collection of free case law, from both the federal and state levels, on Google Scholar – make sure you select the 'case law' box: <https://scholar.google.co.uk/>

Secondary Sources

Along with treatises, you can consult Corpus Juris Secundum, a multi-volume encyclopaedia similar to Halsbury's Laws. Try Words and Phrases, a vast multi-volume set, for how terms have been legislatively and judicially considered. The 'Restatements of the Law' are very useful in giving an overview of the common law on a particular topic. Hardcopy American materials can be found on the third floor of the Library, with older material in the basement.

STAFF UPDATE

Harpreet Dhillon, Assistant Librarian

I officially started working at Middle Temple Library in April and have now been a part of the team for almost two months. It's been an exciting two months as it's my first experience of law librarianship, as well as my first experience of Middle Temple. What a unique and historically fascinating place this is. A bomb-proof reinforced concrete library. An Elizabethan hall. A lane where Tom Hardy rode a horse - it's all a bit overwhelming... However! After having been a Guildhall basement-dweller for almost nine years in my previous role with City of London Libraries, distractions such as the beautiful gardens and architecture of Middle Temple are a welcome change, as is working in the beautiful Middle Temple Library.

In my new role here I am fast beginning to understand what it means to work for such a specialised service. Visits to other Inn libraries and the Royal Courts of Justice have been eye opening in revealing the nature of the law library and the standards at which these libraries are expected to operate. It certainly sets a bar (pun so intended) to reach. When not getting to grips with the law, amongst other tasks, I am also cataloguing our new books as well as continuing the classification project started by my predecessor, the result of which you will see slowly creeping on to our book spines.

There's much to do here, and much to learn before I can match the skills of the library team, but it's something I look forward to and certainly feel is worth the investment.

SOCIAL MEDIA & THE LAW

Adam Woellhaf, Training & Development Librarian

Below I highlight some of the items in the collection which focus on social media law:

Handbook of social media and the law, by Laura Scaife

Published in 2015 by Informa Law, this book considers significant legal developments that have arisen due to social media. Legislation, such as the Computer Misuse Act 1990 and the Defamation Act 2013, is discussed alongside issues relating to privacy, and human rights in relation to the regulation of online speech.

Social media in workplace: a handbook, by Chris Bryden and Michael Salter

Published in 2015 by Jordans, this book provides an overview of specifically workplace issues arising from the use of social media. It provides guidance to employers on establishing and maintaining IT and social media policies. Data protection is covered as well as possible claims which might arise due to social media misuse, such as those pursuant to the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

Email, social media and the internet at work, by Stephen Mason

Published in 2016 by PP Publishing, this book takes a deliberately general approach to legal issues relating to internet usage at work, such as using online communications in a way which might cause embarrassment, to criminal activities such as fraud and abuse. It is a practical guide to ensure employers and other organisation are compliant with the law.

Social media and litigation: practice guide, by John G. Browning

Published in 2014 by Thomson Reuters, this book is relevant to the American legal world and is designed to assist trial lawyers practising in the Digital Age. Its focus transcends practice boundaries and looks at the different ways social media and networks affect all stages of a case – such as admissibility of evidence and even jury selection.

International handbook of social media laws, by Paul Lambert

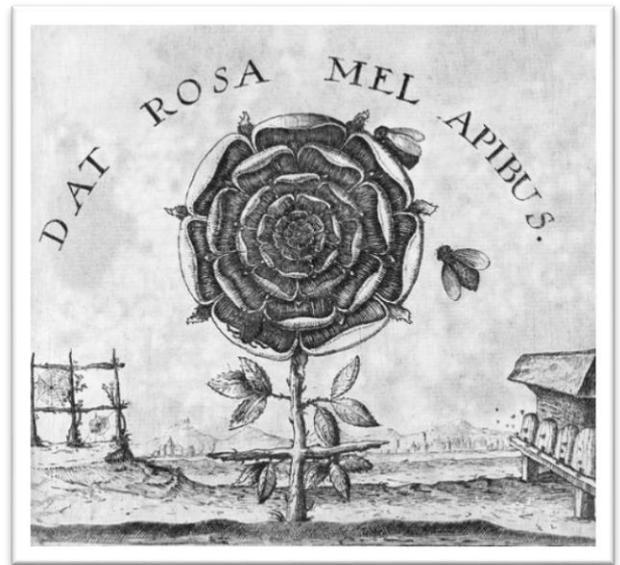
Published in 2014 by Bloomsbury Professional, this book looks at social media issues facing national and global corporations. It is written from the perspective of over 30 countries, including the UK, and examines the nuances of each jurisdictions' approach to social media law. It highlights important international laws as well as national legislation and regulations.

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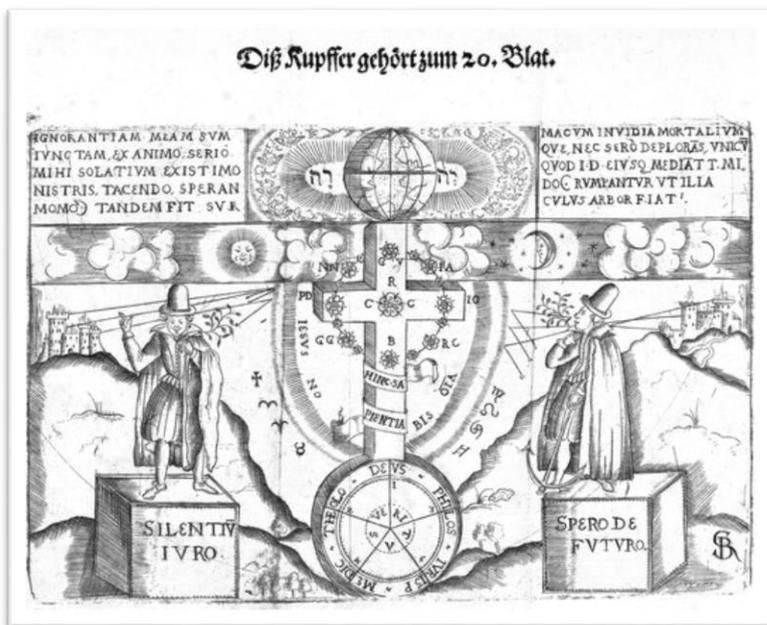
ROSIKRUCIANISM AT MIDDLE TEMPLE

Renae Satterley, Librarian

Through the 1641 Robert Ashley bequest of circa 3,700 books, Middle Temple Library has a large collection of books on Rosicrucianism, an esoteric society which came to prominence in the early 17th century in Germany. The Order was said to have been founded by Christian Rosenkreuz (1378-1484) and reinstated in 1614 by Johann Valentin Andreaë (1586-1654), who published three manifestos outlining the Order's philosophy and beliefs.



This engraving of the 'rosy cross', a symbol of the Rosicrucian order, comes from Medicina Catholica by Robert Fludd, printed at Frankfurt in 1629, one of the Library's rare books. The text reads 'The rose gives honey to the bees'.



Engraved plate depicting Rosicrucians from the publication 'Vitus del capo de la bona speranza', published in 1677, from the Library's rare books collection.

There are 27 works on Rosicrucianism in the Library's early printed books collection, all of which date between 1616 and 1625 and are part of the Robert Ashley bequest. There are also 79 works on alchemy and 27 by or about Paracelsus (1493-1541), both subjects that have strong ties to Rosicrucianism. It is difficult to say with any certainty why Ashley was interested in Rosicrucianism. It may be due to his general interest in philosophy, politics, and religious disputes. Or was he, like Robert Fludd, attracted to the society's philosophy of "Christian virtue with a broadly neoplatonist theory of cosmic mystical harmony"? Perhaps he was sceptical of the movement, believing, as many did, that it was a *ludibrium*- a joke or work of fiction?

Early supporters of Rosicrucianism included Michael Maier (1568?-1622) and Robert Fludd (1574-1637). The Library has five works by Maier and four by Fludd. Fludd's 1617 *Tractatus apologeticus* is a defence of the society, which was an "apparently sincere appeal ... to be admitted to the brotherhood". James I subsequently summoned Fludd to give an "account of his tracts". This meeting led to further works written by Fludd to clarify his position and outlined the reasons he was attracted to the society's beliefs. Critics of Rosicrucianism included Andreas Libavius (died 1616) and François Garasse (1584-1631). The Library has five works by Libavius and five by, or about Garasse. Criticism of the Order included questioning whether its history was a myth, "put forward to see how much the public were prepared to believe, for it was observed that in spite of all the commotion, an actual original member of the society had never been met with". More serious criticism, such as that put forward by Garasse, accused them of secrecy, heathenism and witchcraft. Others saw the Rosicrucians as political upstarts, deliberately trying to subvert established governments.

ARCHIVE NEWS

Barnaby Bryan, Assistant Archivist

This month sees two exciting online developments from the Archive – the upload of newly digitised historical records, and the launch of a new series of online articles.

As part of our ongoing programme of digitisation, aimed at making the archive more accessible to the Inn's members and to the wider research community, we have had the Treasurers' Receipt Books from 1800 to 1922 digitised and they have now been uploaded to the website and are available at <http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-archive/archive-information-contacts/digitised-records/treasurers-receipt-books>.



A selection of Treasurers' Receipt Books from the early 19th Century

This series represents a remarkably complete and fascinatingly detailed record of the Society's expenditure over a period of several centuries. The volumes, most of which correspond to the year of office of a Treasurer of the Inn, contain either original or copies of receipts and bills, chronologically arranged, for a wide range of transactions, including sums spent on building works and decoration, tradesmen's bills, attorneys' bills, payments for the purchase of silver, pictures, furniture, books and stationery, servants' wages, the cook's bill, payments for commons, charges for supplies such as ale, wine and food, for plants for the garden, utilities and a great deal more.

While superficially mundane and routine in nature, these records paint a detailed picture of the day to day life of the Inn, as well as expanding our understanding of significant events including the construction of the new Library in the 1860s and the acquisition of artefacts such as paintings and silverware. The volumes, which are mostly handwritten and not, at this stage, searchable, are organised by date, and are indexed by name of tradesmen or other recipients of payment. They are presently available in digitised form for the period from 1800 to 1922, but it is hoped that in due course that those dating from the series' beginning in the early 17th century will be added.

The Archive also launches this month its new 'Archive of the Month' feature, a series of short articles exploring key themes and events in the history of the Middle Temple, through the presentation and discussion of material from the Inn's historic collections, including archival documents, paintings, silverware and other artefacts. To mark Her Majesty the Queen's official birthday later in June, this month's edition looks at 'Royalty and the Inn', and includes a telegram from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and a disgruntled letter from King Charles I. See the website for more details:

<http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-archive/archive-information-contacts/archive-month>



Charles I, taken from 'A General History of England' (1744-1751) by British historian William Guthrie (1708-1770).

NEW ACQUISITIONS & DONATIONS

Bernadette Keeley, Librarian UK & US Collections

M.J. Billinton et al. (ed), *The Building Regulations Explained and Illustrated* (14th edn. Wiley 2017)

Hazel Carty, *An Analysis of the Economic Torts* (2nd edn. OUP 2010)

David Cole et al. (ed.), *Surveillance, Privacy and Trans- Atlantic Relations* (Hart 2017)

Sarah Hannett, *Special Educational Needs and Discrimination in Schools: a Legal Handbook* (Legal Action Group 2017)

Rosemary Jay, *Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2017)

Robert Rogers, *How Parliament Works* (7th edn. Routledge 2015)

Simon Salzedo, *Accountants' Negligence and Liability* (Bloomsbury Professional 2016)

Doreen Weisenhaus et al. (ed.), *Media Law and Policy in the Internet Age* (Hart 2017)

Jane Wright, *Tort Law and Human Rights* (2nd edn. Hart 2017)

Donations to the library: presented by author unless otherwise stated

Glen Davis (ed.), *Butterworths Insolvency Law Handbook 2017* (18th edn. 2016)

Rainer Grote et al. (ed.), *Constitutionalism, Human Rights and Islam after the Arab Spring* (OUP 2016) (donated by the assistant editor Ali M El-Haj)

Stephen Mason and Daniel Seng, *Electronic Evidence* (4th edn. IALS 2017)

Simon Mortimore, *Company Directors: Duties, Liabilities and Remedies* (3rd edn. OUP 2017) (donated by Mark Arnold QC)

Gerald Gouriet et al. (ed), *Smith & Monkcom: The Law of Gambling* (4th edn. Bloomsbury Professional 2017) (donated by Stephen Monkcom)

NEW EUROPEAN ACQUISITIONS

Lenka Geidt, Assistant Librarian

Chiara Berneri, *Family Reunification in the EU: The Movement and Residence Rights of Third Country National Family Members of EU Citizens* (Hart Publishing 2017)

Luis Ortiz Blanco, Ben van Houtte (ed), *EU regulation and competition law in the transport sector* (2nd edn, Kluwer Law International 2015)

Laura Donnellan, *Sports Law in Ireland* (2nd edn, Wolters Kluwer 2017)

Ariel Ezrachi, *EU Competition Law. An analytical guide to the leading cases* (5th edn, Hart 2017)

Michael Forde, *Company Law* (5th edn, Thomson Round Hall 2017)

Colin Jennings, *The Law of Personal Injuries* (2nd edn, Thomson Reuters 2017)

Libor Klimek, *Mutual Recognition of Judicial Decisions in European Criminal Law* (Springer 2017)

Annette Kur, *European Trade Mark Law: A commentary* (OUP 2017)

Vesna Lazić and Steven Stuij, *Brussels Ibis Regulation: Changes and Challenges of the Renewed Procedural Scheme* (T.M.C. Asser Press 2017)

Gabriel Moss et al. (ed), *EU Banking and Insurance Insolvency* (2nd edn, OUP 2017)

Andrej Savin, *EU Internet Law* (2nd edn. Edward Elgar 2017)

Sally Shorthose (ed), *Guide To EU Pharmaceutical Regulatory Law* (7th edn, Wolters Kluwer 2017)