

New Member Reading List



Michaelmas Term 2026



Middle Temple Library

Middle Temple Lane, Ashley Building
London, EC4Y 9BT
www.middletemplelibrary.org.uk

Borrow a Book

Who can borrow?

Members of Middle Temple, Gray's Inn, Inner Temple, and Lincoln's Inn

What can be borrowed?

- Current practitioner textbooks
- Four week loan books (FOWL)
- iPads

How long can a book be borrowed?

- Current practitioner textbooks: one hour before the library closes, to be returned the next working day by 10am. No renewals.
- Four-week loan books: four weeks. Maximum two renewals
- iPads: 1 day or 1 week. One renewal of up to five days if there is no one on the waiting list

Non-borrowable items?

- Looseleaves
- Law reports
- Journals
- Rare books
- Manuscripts, previous editions of practitioner textbooks. Or items as determined by the Head of the Library

How many items can be borrowed?

- Up to 5 practitioner textbooks.
- 2 four week loan books
- 1 iPad

What are the fees?

- Overnight loans: Free
- Four-week loan books: Free
- iPads: £1 per day; £5 per week



Access the catalogue



Access the e-resources

General and Legal System

Justice on Trial: Radical Solutions for a System at Breaking Point

Chris Daw KC

Shelf mark: FOWL KM 500 DAW

Life as a Junior Barrister: In the Words of the Independent Bar

Nigel Booth (ed.)

Shelf mark: FOWL KL 83 LIF

People Like Us: What It Takes to Make It in Modern Britain

Hashi Mohamed

Shelf mark: FOWL KZ 305.5 MOH

With the Law on Our Side: How the Law Works for Everyone and How We Can Make It Work Better

Brenda Hale

Shelf mark: KA 37 HAL

The Enterprising Barrister: Organisation, Culture and Changing Professionalism

Atalanta Goulandrīs

Shelf mark: FOWL KL 93 GOU

The Path to Pupillage: A Guide for the Aspiring Barrister

Georgina Wolfe and Alexander Robson

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA 108C

The Rule of Law

Tom Bingham

Shelf mark: FOWL KA 34 BIN

The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How It's Broken

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Shelf mark: FOWL KL 50 SEC

Rough Justice: Do We Have the Law We Deserve?

Wendy Joseph

Shelf mark: KA 37 JOS

We Set The Bar: Fighting for Equality, Empowerment and Change Within The Legal Profession

Jo Delahunty

Shelf mark: KM 208 DEL

Legal Skills

10 Reasons You Didn't Write an Outstanding Opinion: Improve Your Opinion Writing on the Bar Professional Training Course

Suzanne Reece

Shelf mark: FOWL KL 130.2 REE

A Practical Approach to Effective Litigation

Susan Blake

Shelf mark: KL 90 BLA

Advocacy

Lord David Pannick KC

Shelf mark: FOWL KL 93 PAN

Advocacy (City Law School Guide)

Snigdha Nag (ed.)

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Be Civil!: A Guide to Learning Civil Litigation and Evidence

Virginia Dunn

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

It's Criminal!: A Guide to Learning Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing

Virginia Dunn

Shelf mark: FOWL KN 570 DUN

Learning Legal Rules: A Students' Guide to Legal Method and Reasoning

James Holland, Julian Webb

Shelf mark: KL 131 HOL

Legal Research: A Practitioner's Handbook

Emily Allbon, with contributions by Ian Hunter

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA 107D

On Your Feet: A Practical Guide to Civil Advocacy

Clare Elliot et al.

Shelf mark: FOWL KL 93 ONY

Pleadings Without Tears: A Guide to Legal Drafting Under the Civil Procedure Rules

William Rose

Shelf mark: KN 383 ROS

OSCOLA : the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities

Edited by James Goudkamp

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Key Textbooks

Archbold: Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Blackstone's Criminal Practice 2026

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA, Lexis (on-site access only)

Civil Procedure

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Civil Court Practice

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Phipson on Evidence

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Chitty on Contracts

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Clerk & Lindsell on Torts

Shelf mark: ENQ-AREA

Wellbeing

A Mindfulness Guide for the Frazzled

Ruby Wax

Shelf mark: FOWL KZ 158 WAX

The Legal Brain: A Lawyer's Guide to Well-being and Better Job Performance

Debra S. Austin

Shelf mark: FOWL KL 150 AUS

The Wellbeing Workout: How to Manage Stress and Develop Resilience

Rick Hughes, Andrew Kinder and Cary L. Cooper

Shelf mark: FOWL KZ 158 HUG

Free Online Resources

BAILII

Free access to British and Irish case law, legislation and legal materials

Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations

Database of citation abbreviations

Courts Service

Access to information on HM Courts and Tribunals services

Eagle-I

Maintained and updated by librarians at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, this website provides links to thousands of authoritative legal websites

Find Case Law

The National Archives' database publishing court and tribunal decisions from The Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, and Upper Tribunals

ICLR Blog

Legal commentary, case updates and reporting news

Legislation.gov.uk

Official site of revised and enacted UK legislation, with full-text legislation back to 1988

Middle Temple Library Blog

A blog written by Middle Temple Library staff, with legal research tips, Brexit highlights, highlights from the rare books collection and other updates to Library services

The Bar Council: Pupillage resources for students and pupils

Resources from the Bar Council on finding a pupillage, including information about pupillage fairs and other events

U.K. Government Web Archive

The National Archives archives UK central government information, including videos, tweets, images and websites dating from 1996 to present

Opening Times

Term Time Opening Hours

Monday - Friday

9.00am - 7.00pm

Saturday Opening Hours

The Inn libraries operate a Saturday opening rota with one library of the four opening from 10.00am to 5.00pm every Saturday in term time.

19th September | Middle Temple

17th October | Middle Temple

14th November | Middle Temple

12th December | Middle Temple

Request a Scan

Need a digital scan of a chapter of a textbook, a law report or a journal article? The Library offers a **document delivery service**, with student members of the Inns of Court qualifying for a 50% discount.

The service runs from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday. During regular opening hours, staff will do their best to provide a turn-around time of two hours.

Printing Accounts

Student members receive 50% off their printing credits. When you need to top up your credits, let the librarian at the Enquiry Desk know you are a student and they will apply the discount for you.

Book a Room

Rutledge Suite Rooms

These rooms are suitable for small group working including mootings and are available to all Middle Temple members and ICCA Part 2 students

Phone Rooms

Located on the first floor of the Library, these rooms are ideal for phone or video calls for individual people and can be booked by members of any Inn

Advocacy Room

Located on the third floor, this room is ideal for students in need of a room for group study.

You can book any of these rooms by contacting the Library.

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