

## LAW TEXTBOOKS

### 1. Primary and Secondary Sources of Law

The two primary sources of English law are legislation and case law. For further information on primary sources, consult the Law Library guides to **Statutes** and **Law Reports**.

Secondary sources of law are those which describe, comment upon, or interpret the law. Secondary sources include textbooks, encyclopaedias, and articles that appear in journals. For information concerning legal journals, consult the Law Library guide titled: **Law Journals**.

### 2. Law Textbooks

Look at the **Reading Lists** given to you by your tutors. The Law Library should have all (or most) of the books listed. In addition to copies available for normal loan, one copy of each core item on your Reading List will be kept as a **Short Loan** item, and held at the Library counter for a 24 hour loan period. This is to ensure that essential titles are available on a daily basis.

If your tutors recommend a book as an essential title, then you should consider buying a copy.

Use the Library Catalogue to locate textbooks. Books in the Law Library are arranged in accordance with the Dewey Decimal Classification system.

### 3. Basic Dewey Decimal Classification Numbers for Law Books

Use the following list as a guide only. Consult the Library Catalogue to find specific titles. There may be times when titles on your reading list are already out on loan. If you do not have time to wait for a reserved copy, select another book with the same classification number as the title you require.

**340 / 340.5 / 349.42** Law / English legal system

**340.07** Legal method / legal skills / mooting

**340.1** Jurisprudence

**340.115** Law and society / law and literature

**340.59** Islamic law

**341 International Law**

**341.2422 EU Law**

**342 Constitutional law / administrative law / public law**

**342.082 Immigration law**

**342.085 Civil rights / human rights (England & Wales)**

**342.0858 Privacy law / data protection**

**342.087 Disability discrimination**

**342.0878 Gender discrimination**

**342.4 EU constitutional law**

**342.4085 EU human rights**

**343.071 Consumer law**

**343.0999 Law and the internet / IT and e-commerce**

**344.01 Employment law**

**344.031 Social work and law**

**344.041 Medical and optometry law**

**344.0416 Pharmacy law**

**344.046 Environmental law**

**344.401 EU employment law**

**344.4046 EU environmental law**

**345 Criminal law**

**345.05 Criminal justice process / sentencing**

**346.015 Family law**

**346.02 Contract law**

**346.03 Tort law**

**346.04 Property law**

**346.043 Land law**

**346.048 Intellectual property law**

**346.0482 Copyright**

**346.05 / 346.059** Equity and trusts

**346.066** Company law

**346.07** Business / commercial law

**346.072** Sale of goods

**347.05** Courts procedure

**347.06** Evidence

## 4. E-books for Law

The Law Library will purchase eBooks where possible. However, please be aware that there are many issues and restrictions around the sale of eBooks to libraries. So, whilst a publisher may offer a core textbook as an eBook for an individual to purchase, this is sold for single user access only, and not for multiple access as would benefit a library.

To see what eBooks the Library does provide for law students, go to:

<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/library/library-resources/ebooks/>.

Type some keywords in the search box, for example **criminal law**, and open up a relevant title to read the book online.

In addition, the Library subscribes to the following eBook collections:

### Oxford Scholarship Online - Law eBook Collection

OSO Law is a large and expanding eBook collection which offers online access to the full text of scholarly law books published by Oxford University Press. The books are divided into the following sub-disciplines:

- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Company and Commercial Law
- Criminal Law and Criminology
- Competition Law
- Comparative Law
- Environmental and Energy Law
- Employment Law
- EU Law
- Family Law
- Human Rights Law
- Intellectual Property, IT, and Media Law
- Legal History
- Legal Profession and Ethics
- Medical Law
- Law of Obligations

Access **Oxford Scholarship Online - Law** via the Library's **eResource webpages** at:  
<http://catalogue.brad.ac.uk/search/y>.

- In the search box, type: **oxford scholarship**
- Go to: **SUBJECT: [+] Law**, and click on **[+]**. This takes you to a list of legal subjects within the *OSO - Law* collection,

Within each subject, you can browse individual eBooks. You can also browse abstracts and keywords at book and chapter level. You can also search by keyword through the full text of individual eBooks.

## ebrary Academic Complete

ebrary provides more than 80,000 eBooks in many different subject areas, including Law. The collection contains textbooks from academic publishers and you will find titles of interest, especially concerning law and society.

- Access via the 'eResource webpages' at: <http://catalogue.brad.ac.uk/search/y>.
- In the search box, type: 'ebrary'.

## 5. Legal Encyclopaedias

An excellent starting point for general legal research is **Halsbury's Laws of England**, a vast and authoritative multi-volumed encyclopaedia which covers all propositions of English law, and includes references to relevant statutes and case law. It also includes a comprehensive monthly updating service.

Since first appearing in 1907, the publishers claim that Halsbury's Laws of England "*has been the cornerstone of the lawyer's library*", providing "*comprehensive narrative treatment of the law of England and Wales*".

Halsbury's Laws of England is an expensive practitioner encyclopaedia, as used by practicing lawyers. Law students need to familiarise themselves with Halsbury's Laws of England as they may use this encyclopaedia when they enter the legal profession.

**Important note:** The volumes of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition (published 1973 – 2008), have brown covers. These are gradually being replaced over the next few years by the 5<sup>th</sup> edition (2008 – onwards), which have black covers. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition will eventually total **103 Main Volumes**, arranged in an alphabetical scheme of over 160 subjects. Additional volumes make up the **Consolidated Index** (3 volumes) and the **Cumulative Supplement** (2 volumes).

To use *Halsbury's Laws of England* follow these steps:

**Step 1: consult the Consolidated Index.**

**Step 2: consult the appropriate Main Volume.**

**Step 3: consult the Cumulative Supplement.**

**Step 4: consult the Current Service: Noter-up and Monthly Review.**

Follow these instructions for each step:

**Step 1:** Look up the topic you are researching in the **Consolidated Index** (3 volumes). This will give you a reference to a **Main Volume** in **bold** type, plus a paragraph number in lighter type.

**Step 2:** The entry in the **Main Volume** gives a summary of the law (plus references to statutes and cases where relevant) as it stands on the date that the individual **Main Volume** was published.

**Step 3:** Now check the annual **Cumulative Supplement** for any revisions which post-date the **Main Volume**. The **Cumulative Supplement** gives details of all changes between the published date of the **Main Volume** and the operative date of the **Cumulative Supplement**. It is arranged in the same volume, title and paragraph order as that of the **Main Volumes**.

**Step 4:** Finally, check the **Current Service** for any recent developments in the law. The **Current Service** consists of two box files containing:

- The **Noter-up**: a monthly booklet which notes any changes since publication of the **Cumulative Supplement**. Also arranged in the same volume, title and paragraph order as the **Main Volumes**.
- The **Monthly Review**: a booklet which provides narrative treatment of material noted in the **Noter-Up**.

## 6. Legal Yearbooks

A 'legal yearbook' is a volume issued annually to describe recent developments in the law. The following series of yearbooks are held in the 'Statute Room':

### Halsbury's Laws of England Annual Abridgement

This is a year by year survey of English statute law and case law. It also contains a very useful Table of Articles – a list of journal articles published during the year which concern major legal topics. Law Library holdings: 1974 – onwards.

### All England Law Reports Annual Review

Designed as companions to the All England Law Reports, the All ER Annual Review contain authoritative articles by leading academic lawyers.

The annual volumes contain detailed analyses of decisions reported during the previous year. Law students should use them to find clear and accessible accounts of current trends. Law Library holdings: 1982 – onwards.

## Current Legal Problems

Annual volumes containing numerous articles exploring a wide variety of legal topics of interest current at the time of printing. Law Library holdings: 1969 – onwards.

The following series of yearbooks is shelved with EU law textbooks at: **341.242205 EEC**.

## Yearbook of European Law

The aim of this series is to publish important and original studies concerning the various branches of EC and EU law. Law Library holdings: 2005 – onwards.

## 7. Directories

A directory is a systematically organised list of persons, businesses, organisations or associations that provide various legal services. Reference copies of law directories are shelved in the 'Statute Room'. Examples include:

The Law Society's directory of solicitors and barristers

Chambers student guide to the bar for solicitors and for the bar

Shaw's directory of courts in the United Kingdom

## 8. Dictionaries

You should consider purchasing a good legal dictionary, such as '**A Dictionary of Law**' (Oxford Paperback Reference) or '**Osborn's Concise Law Dictionary**' (Sweet & Maxwell). Reference copies of these law dictionaries are shelved in the 'Statute Room', where you will also find other authoritative legal dictionaries, including:

Stroud's Judicial Dictionary

Words and Phrases Legally Defined

## 9. IMPORTANT NOTE concerning other law textbooks

Please be aware that the J.B. Priestley Library, on the City Campus, also stocks a variety of law textbooks. These are held in the J.B. Priestley Library because they have been purchased to support courses taught outside the Law School on city campus. Some of these titles may be of interest to you. For example, in the J.B. Priestley Library you will find textbooks on the following subjects: criminology and penology, law and social work, police law, law and pharmacy, law and optometry, and the role of law in international politics.

Please ensure that you know how to use the library catalogue effectively, to search by author, by title, by subject, etc., as the catalogue will list other titles that may be relevant to your studies.

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