

Practitioner Resources

Practitioner Texts – useful guides for students on areas of law often encountered in law clinics or pro bono work

Civil Disputes

O’Hare, J. and Browne, K. *Civil Litigation 14th edition (2009), Sweet and Maxwell.* This is a solid but accessible text dealing with the civil litigation process, and giving important context on how the CPR work in practice.

Sime, S. *A Practical Approach to Civil Procedure, 12th edition (2009), Oxford University Press.* This text also covers civil litigation procedure in an accessible way – more focussed on students than practitioners, and lighter than O’Hare.

Rose, W. *Pleadings Without Tears: A Guide to Legal Drafting Under the Civil Procedure Rules, 7th edition (2007), Oxford University Press.* This is a classic practical text on drafting, with a lot of key themes covered on drafting which can be carried through to other forms of legal writing.

Begley, L et al. *Criminal Injuries Compensation Claims 2008 – A Guide to the New Scheme, (2010), Law Society Publishing.* A new guide to the new scheme which should, if its predecessor is anything to go by, be a good and useful book.

Consumer Law

Woodroffe, G. and Lowe, R. *Woodroffe and Lowe’s Consumer Law and Practice, 8th edition, (2010), Sweet and Maxwell.* This text is very practical. It sets out the law in a clear and succinct way and uses examples of the types of problems that might be encountered and explains how these might be dealt with. It also contains County Court precedents containing sample Particulars of Claim which are useful.

Crime

Archbold Criminal Pleadings Evidence and Practice, Sweet and Maxwell. Published annually. Known generally as Archbold this is the text that is cited most by courts and purports to be an authoritative statement of the law and practice in England and Wales. It is an excellent one-stop resource for many criminal matters and a start-point for more in-depth legal research.

Blackstone's Criminal Practice, Oxford, Oxford University Press. Published annually, this is a large practitioner text which contains sections on substantive law, procedure, sentencing and evidence. This is the main competitor to Archbold and is quite user-friendly. It is an excellent source for obtaining an overview of an area and a great start point for more in-depth legal research.

Davies, F. ed, Anthony & Berryman's Magistrates' Court Guide, Lexis Nexis. Published annually, this is another large practitioner's text covering the Magistrates' court.

Employment Law

Blackstone's Employment Law Practice 2011, Oxford University Press. A comprehensive guide to employment law practice and procedure. The book also includes excerpts of relevant legislation, forms and precedents, Codes of practice and Practice Directions.

Cunningham, N. And Reed, M. Tribunal Claims: Tactics and Precedents (2009), Legal Action Group. A handy guide full of practical tips and there is an accompanying free email alert which provides hints and guidance on Employment Tribunal related matters

<http://etclaims.co.uk/>.

Harvey Industrial Relations and Employment Law (available in hardcopy and on Lexis Library). An excellent guide to all aspects of employment law. Contains precedents and information on procedure as well as substantive law.

Lewis, T. *Employment Law: An Adviser's Handbook* (2009) LAG. Another text full of practical advice.

Members of 11 Kings Bench Walk. *Tolley's Employment Handbook, 24th edition*, (2010), Lexis Nexis. A good guide to the complex area of employment law.

Family Law

Duffield, N. et al. *Family Law and Practice*, published annually, Guildford, College of Law Publishing. This is a useful guide for students to family practice across the spectrum.

Bird, R. *Ancillary Relief Handbook, 7th edition*, (2009), Bristol, Jordan Publishing Limited. This is a more in-depth guide to all aspects of financial settlement on divorce.

Housing Law

Price, G. *Housing Law and Practice*, (2009), Guildford, College of Law Publishing. This is a good student guide to this area.

Luba, J QC. et al. *Repairs: Tenants' Rights, 4th edition*, (2010), London, Legal Action Group. A classic and in-depth book on this area.

Luba, J QC. Et al. *Defending Possession Proceedings, 7th edition*, (2010), London, Legal Action Group. This is a comprehensive and complex study of this area of the law.

Welfare Benefits

***Welfare Benefits and Tax Credits Handbook*, published annually, London, Child Poverty Action Group.** This book gives very good and detailed information about benefits. It has footnotes throughout giving details of relevant legislation and case law to aid further research. It is a must have for all benefit advisors as the starting point for research.

Disability Rights Handbook, published annually, London, **Disability Alliance**. A very good book for general information on all disability related benefits. It again has references to relevant legislation and case law.

Meshor, J. et al. *Social Security Legislation Volumes I-IV*, published annually, London, **Sweet and Maxwell**. These four volumes provide all primary and secondary legislation for social security with commentaries and reference to appropriate case law. Extremely useful texts for taking cases past the general information gathering stage and fully researching the issues.

The Child Poverty Action Group produces several other guides through publishers Sweet and Maxwell on specific areas of welfare benefits that are very useful when looking at particular problems.

Other Resources

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This website provides free email alerts covering to the latest developments and judgments within employment law. Reliable and hot off the press. www.danielbarnett.co.uk

Rightsnet.org.uk

The latest information on welfare rights, employment, debt, housing and community care.