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Click on the Login button at the top of the Home Page. If you have access via Athens or Shibboleth, then follow the instructions.

You can also create your own access *providing this is done from campus*. Just fill in the short form on the Login page. There is no need for a registration code. You will then log in using your email address and password that you created.

You can also link via Facebook.

From Campus

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HOW IT WORKS

The course is delivered by a series of lectures.

LECTURES

Essentially, the lectures contain numerous links to the full and edited text of cases, Acts of Parliament, articles, media files (video and audio), Internet sites or whatever, in an attempt both to broaden (and thereby deepen) the knowledge of a particular topic; make it more understandable; introduce you to research; and above all to make studying law interesting.

Links in **green** or **pink** are internal to the database. Links in **blue** are external Internet links. The idea behind the lectures is to replicate how a real lecture would be delivered. As such, you will find asides and comments. You will not necessarily agree with them. I hope you don't because the idea is to stimulate discussion.

It may help if you imagine that you are actually in a lecture and someone really is speaking to you. Try to make sense of what the speaker is saying. He will often be attempting to explain really complex matters and it will sometimes be the case that you do not follow him at first pass. Don't despair because some legal principles take some time to sink in!

SEARCH

The search button is useful if you want to find all references to something. For example, an 'All Categories' search on Lord Denning would throw up over 400 references to the great judge; and if you wanted to search for his judgments or references to him in same, then a search under 'Cases' would show around 250.

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CASES

Cases are colour coded to indicate their importance as follows.

- (1) Cases in **red italic** are leading cases and of absolutely crucial importance.
- (2) Cases in **red** are important cases.
- (3) Cases in **orange** are nice to know.
- (4) Cases in **green** may safely be forgotten!

The cases are laid out in alphabetical order. All the cases have been edited down to an average of around 5 pages, in the hope that you'll give them a whirl. Try to get into the habit of reading cases. They are useful in that the judge will declare what the law is on the particular matter.

STATUTES

Acts of Parliament (i.e. statutes) are laid out here.

ARTICLES

The articles collection is a terrific resource for research and quotes. Use the search engine to find what you're after.

CHARTS

At the end of most lectures, there is a chart which gives an overview of same. If you want to print these charts, then use the pdf file.

LEXICON

This is an online dictionary which you may well find useful. **NOTE** You can also double click on a word in any document, including Lectures, and its meaning will be displayed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Well, that's it, really, except for a few tips.

1. The database is huge and we do not have the staff to correct all the documents for spelling mistakes, incorrect grammar, broken links et cetera. Accordingly, there is a form at the end of each document which you can use to inform us of any errors. You can also use the form to tell us whether or not the particular document is written in a readily comprehensible manner.

2. It is impossible to get the top grades in law without working consistently throughout the course i.e. starting from Day 1. We promise you this is true!

3. You may well be daunted at the wealth of material presented to you. Some you may well find it impenetrable. As a matter of fact, judges sometimes don't understand the law in a particular area! So, don't worry. The penny usually drops, so to speak, after a while.

4. Go through the **HELP** file (red button at the top of Home Page) for more info.

5. Please feel free to contact the Editor at any time. He is very approachable and will always answer any questions promptly. Promise!

6. You will find that our resource is constantly updated. If it is your intention to study law at University, then you should take account of all update notices on our Home Page. Doing this will enable a seamless transition from College to University.

Best of luck!

THE UNITS

1 DISPUTE SOLVING IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM

1 The court system 2 the legal profession 3. The judiciary 4. Lay people 5 alternatives to the courts 6 the finance of advice and representation

2 UNDERSTANDING LAW MAKING

1 The doctrine of precedent 2 Legislation 3 Statutory interpretation

3 ASPECTS OF LEGAL LIABILITY

1 Tort - negligence 2. Tort - damages 3 Crime - the elements 4 Sentencing

4 UNLAWFUL HOMICIDE AND POLICE POWERS

1 Murder 2 Voluntary manslaughter 3 Involuntary manslaughter 4 Arrest and detention

5 PROPERTY OFFENCES AND POLICE POWERS

1 Theft 2 Robbery 3 Burglary 4 Fraud 5 Criminal damage 4 Powers of search

6 CONTRACT LAW

1 Formation 2 Terms 3 Vitiating factors 4 Discharge

7 CONSUMER LAW

1 Sale of goods 2 Supply of goods and services 3 Exclusion clauses 4 Consumer protection

8 TORT

1 Sale of goods 2 Supply of goods and services 3 Exclusion clauses 4 Consumer protection

9 EMPLOYMENT LAW

1 Types of employment contract 2. Impact of employment legislation 3 Rights and responsibilities of employees and employers 4 Perspectives in employee relations 5 Termination

10 FAMILY LAW

1 The legal obligations of relationships 2 Cessation of relationships 3 Children 4 Maintenance

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