

# Keeping afloat in a sea of current awareness

The blawgs\* and more...

\*law blogs

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# Why do I follow all these blogs?

Every 4-8 weeks (about 7-8 times a year) I send out an email called

The Librarians News: The ??? Edition

(The long overdue edition, The Start of Semester Edition, The Xmas edition)...

This email goes to the entire law school including casual staff, in both Melbourne and North Sydney.

It contains 4 sections:

- **How we can help** at the current time- eg. Book lists, exam papers, research, new database etc aka library information
- **Contents pages** of new Lexis Nexis Australia and Westlaw AU journals
- **Cases that caught the librarian's eye:** This is a completely subjective listing of cases that look interesting, or have caught our eye for one reason or another. If you have a subject you would like us to be on the look-out for please let us know.....
  - For this I use Jade BarNet alerts to keep on top of new decisions
- **Around the World:** The interesting, the weird and the wacky from the [Inner Temple Current Awareness service](#), [FindLaw](#), [Lowering the Bar](#), [Short Circuit](#) and more... (again completely subjective).
- **And Finally...** as a thankyou for reading all that...  
I normally add something small and funny here, a meme blog post or a YouTube video.

# Australian blogs

- Opinions on High <http://blogs.unimelb.edu.au/opinionsonhigh/>
- Lawyers Weekly <https://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/>
- Radio National Law Report (ok technically not a blog) <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lawreport/>
- A Barristers Blog <http://www.abarristersblog.com.au/>
- #shitjudgessay tumblr <http://shitjudgessay.tumblr.com/> (irregularly updated)
- Survive Law <http://www.survivelaw.com.au/> (for law students) also see the NZ version which is updated more regularly <https://www.survivelaw.com/>
- Kat Galloway <https://kategalloway.net> (blogs on legal education, women in law)
- Australian Government Service: Express Law <http://ags.gov.au/publications/express-law/index.html>
- Don't forget your State Legal Institute

# Canadian blogs

- The blog I follow to get all this information: Slaw <http://www.slaw.ca/>
- Winner of the 2017 Clawbie for Best Canadian Law Blog:
  - Cowling Legal: <https://www.cowlinglegal.com/blog>
  - Metablog list of Canadian Blawgs: <http://www.lawblogs.ca/>
- Other Blogs of Note:
  - Attorney with a Life <http://www.attorneywithalife.com/> (life coaching for lawyers)
  - O'Faolain <https://ofaolain.com/> (Old school style librarian blogging)
  - Ablawg <http://ablawg.ca/> (setting the standard for legal academic blogging in Canada)
  - Wise Law Blog <http://wiselaw.blogspot.ca/> (Blogging and Legal Headlines since 2005)
  - Know How <https://greatlibrary.blog/> The law society of Ontario's library blog.

# American (USA) blogs

- Lowering the Bar <http://www.loweringthebar.net/> (funny as funny can be)
- Library of Congress Blogs: In Custodia Legis <https://blogs.loc.gov/law/>
- Library of Congress Legal Research Reports <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/legal-reports.php>
- The Volokh Conspiracy <http://reason.com/volokh> (written by astute law professors)
- FindLaw Blogs (for legal news both serious and lighthearted) <http://legalblogs.findlaw.com/>
- Subscript Law <http://www.subscriptlaw.com/> (Supreme Court Cases, legal news and resources in Infographic format)
- SCOTUS Blog <http://www.scotusblog.com/> (The US Supreme Court Blog)
- The Jury Room <http://keenetrial.com/blog/> (Jury consultants)
- PrawfsBlawg <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/> (Law professors on law and life)
- Popehat <https://www.popehat.com/> (free speech, liberty, criminal justice et al..)
- LLRX <http://www.llrx.com/> (Legal research news for librarians)

## English (UK) blogs

- Inner Temple Library: Current Awareness
  - This covers all the legal newspapers and professional sites, legislation, supreme court etc.  
<https://innertemplelibrary.wordpress.com/>
- Bodleian Law Library: <http://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/lawbod/>
- Lawyer Watch: <https://lawyerwatch.wordpress.com/> (by Professor Richard Moorhead)
- Obiter J Law and Lawyers <http://obiterj.blogspot.com.au/>
- Legal Cheek <https://www.legalcheek.com> This site offers “Legal news, cheeky commentary and careers advice”.
- Martin Partington: Spotlight on the Justice System  
<https://martinpartington.com/>
- Jack of Kent blog <http://jackofkent.com/> (from a liberal and critical perspective)

# Global law blogs

- China Law Blog (US) <https://www.chinalawblog.com/>
- Library of Congress Global Legal Monitor <http://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/>
- UN News Centre <http://www.un.org/News/> can filter to topic Law, Crime Prevention <http://www.un.org/apps/news/subject.asp?SubjectID=8>
- Lexology <https://www.lexology.com/> (From About Us: We publish in excess of 450 articles every day from over 800 leading law firms and service providers worldwide across 50 work areas in 20 languages)
- Jurist Daily Digest (Legal News) <http://www.jurist.org/paperchase/>

## For more information

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