**The English Legal System**

by **Gary Slapper** and **David Kelly**

A guide to resources on the companion website: http://cw.routledge.com/textbooks/slapper&kelly

**VLE CARTRIDGES**

* Handy downloadable files that lecturers can have dropped straight into their VLEs to give access to all the companion website’s content
* Support for Blackboard, Moodle and WebCT

**NEWS AND UPDATES**

* Allows students to keep up with new developments that aren’t covered in the book
* Includes links to Gary Slapper’s “Weird Cases” Times column that demonstrate the ins and outs of the English legal system in his trademark humorous writing style
* Free Student Law Review excerpts to keep students up to date with current debates
* Bonus Q&As (from previous editions in our revision series) provide exam practice opportunities

**STUDENT RESOURCES**

**GLOSSARY / FLASHCARDS**

* Glossary definition given on first side
* User clicks “turn over” to view the answer
* Flashcards are sorted into alphabetical groupings by answer (e.g. “Acquittal”)
* Great for students revising in groups

*How to demo*

* *From home page click ‘students’ (left hand side of screen).*
* *Then click ’glossary flashcards’ in main text (first bullet point).*
* *Click any letter for a term beginning with that letter – it will open in a new screen.*
* *To see the term the card is describing click flip card in the top centre of the pop up screen.*
* *To display the term first click ‘Display Other Side First’ then ‘Next’ if you do not click next it will remain on the same screen.*

**MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS**

* A useful resource for self-testing users’ understanding after reading a chapter
* Broken down by chapter
* Users are given four choices and also click the “hint” button if they’re struggling
* Incorrect answers are explained with a comment
* Each answer refers users back to a section of the chapter for further study if they missed the answer

*How to demo*

* *From home page click ‘students’ (left hand side of the screen).*
* *Click “multiple-choice questions’ (second bullet-point).*
* *Choose a chapter from the list, and work through the displayed questions with the lecturer (using the “hint” button as well!).*
* *Try deliberately selecting a few wrong answers to see the comments.*
* *Click “submit” at the bottom of the page to reveal the answers, and refer back to the book for incorrect answers to highlight how the two are linked.*

**CROSSWORDS**

* The crosswords have been designed around key terms introduced in each section of the book
* Users are prompted with a glossary definition as clues
* Fun way to test learning

*How to demo*

* *From home page click ‘students’ (left hand side of screen).*
* *Then click ’crosswords’ in main text (third bullet-point).*
* *Click the crossword you want to show (numbered 1 to 8)*
* *Use letter grid or keyboard to enter each letter in turn.*
* *The crossword will automatically select the next box for the current clue, but you can specify which one to try for by clicking on it.*
* *“Reveal letter” will show the current letter if you can’t guess it.*
* *The crossword will automatically work you through the “Across” clues first before starting on the “down” clues.*

**EXAM QUESTIONS**

* Two free sample questions & answers taken from the Routledge *Q&A English Legal System 2009-2010*
* Both questions provide students with a click-to-reveal answer plan and complete answer

*How to demo*

* *From home page click ‘students’ (left hand side of screen).*
* *Then click ’exam questions’ in main text (fifth bullet-point).*
* *Choose one of the questions, then ask a lecturer what points they think should be covered in an answer.*
* *Click on “Answer plan” to reveal it, then (if time allows) work through the detailed answer with the lecturer.*

**REVISION TIPS**

* Podcast by Gary Slapper highlighting key revision tips
* Plays directly from the companion website using Windows Media Player add-in

*How to demo (****REQUIRES SOUND****)*

* *From home page click ‘students’ (left hand side of screen).*
* *Then click ’revision tips’ in main text (fifth bullet-point).*
* *Play the file directly from the website.*

**WEBLINKS / FURTHER READING**

* Online versions of the “Further reading” and “Useful websites” sections at the end of each chapter
* Listed by chapter

*How to demo*

* *From home page click ‘students’ (left hand side of screen).*
* *Then click ’weblinks’ or ‘further reading’ in main text (sixth bullet-point).*
* *Further reading link opens a PDF of the bibliography*.

**LECTURER RESOURCES**

**POWERPOINT SLIDES**

* Visuals of all the illustrations throughout the book
* Can be seamlessly integrated into lecturer’s own Powerpoint presentations for lectures/seminars

**LEGAL SKILLS GUIDE**

* Mooting
  + Explains the basics of mooting
  + Detailed guide on preparing and delivering a moot
  + “Try it yourself” section and useful links
* Legal Research
  + Planning legal research
  + How to find legal information :
    - Online and offline sources
    - Primary and secondary sources (online legislation databases, textbooks etc)
  + Useful links
* Legal Writing
  + Based on Lisa Webley’s book
    - Provides useful “how-to” guides on identifying the nature of questions and also assessment and grading criteria to make sure students know what to cover in their essays or exams
    - Also includes guidance on identifying the relevant legal issues for an answer, how to construct an answer plan and how to prevent the issues being addressed
    - Just as important is the coverage of correct referencing and tips on polishing and submitting the final piece
    - Provides guidance through video files that students can work through at their own pace
    - Also includes links to legal essay competitions, “10 top tips” and further reading weblinks
* Legal Presentation
  + Puts presentation skills into context for law students, e.g. advocacy, cross-examination
  + Discusses each of the skills required and provides group exercises for students to put them into practice
* Legal Interviewing
  + As with Presentation skills, the Interviewing section looks at each element required and offers students a guide on how to develop each one
  + Includes an outline interview plan
  + Provides exercises (both solo and group), “10 top tips” and weblinks to further guidance
* Legal Negotiation
  + Discusses Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and its importance to prospective lawyers
  + Includes several “try it yourself” exercises to engage students with the skills required in legal negotiation
* Using Cases
  + “Reading cases” video guide
  + How to cite, reference and establish the history of cases
  + Weblinks to further guides
* Using Legislation
  + How to locate, select and interpret statutes
  + Video guide to the structure of a statute
  + Also includes links to online databases of statutes/legislation