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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

CALL/ACBD Conference, "Legal Information: Outside the Box," May 26-June 4th, 2021 (Virtual).

AALL Annual Meeting, "Leading with Wisdom and Insight," July 17-20, 2021 (Virtual).

IFLA World Library and Information Conference, "Let's Work Together for the Future," August 17-19, 2021 (Virtual)

IALL Annual Course, "The Triptych : National, European and International Law, the French way," October 2021 (Virtual).

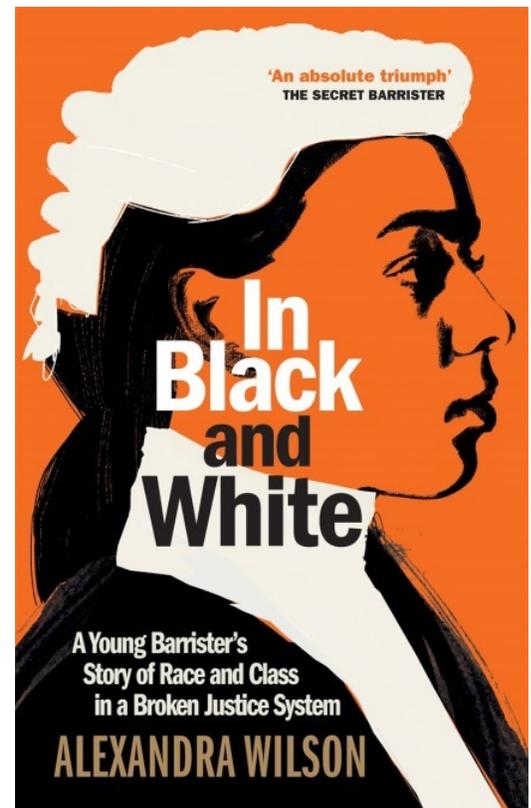
## Book Review: *In Black and White: A Young Barrister's Story of Race and Class in a Broken Justice System*

Edward T. Hart

On Alexandra Wilson's debut book, published August 2020, dives into her experiences of joining the English legal profession as a barrister: *In Black and White: A Young Barrister's Story of Race and Class in a Broken Justice System*. Wilson is a recently admitted barrister who specializes in criminal law. She wrote this biography focusing on the year of her pupillage, as a pupil barrister first shadowing a barrister and then arguing her own cases. Wilson's mother is White British and her father is Black British; his parents emigrated from Jamaica. With her blended heritage, she has a unique perspective on the British justice system. Coming from a lower social-economic strata of English life, Wilson, with the support of her family, invested her whole into the education and process of becoming, not just a lawyer but a barrister, able to appear in court and argue on behalf of her clients.

Much in the same tone as *The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How It's Broken* (read the review in the May 2019 issue of FCIL Newsletter), the Secret Barrister promotes this book on his blog and wrote a blurb for its cover: "In Black and White is an absolute triumph; a compelling and courageous memoir forcing the legal profession to confront uncomfortable truths about race and class in our justice system. Alexandra Wilson is a bold and vital voice. This is a book that urgently needs to be read by everyone inside, and outside, the justice system."

Wilson points out from her personal experience the problems of the justice system that the Secret Barrister details. One example is the lack of financial resources being invest-



ed into the justice system by recent British governments. She adds her own perspective as a racial minority. Often during her pupillage, she was the only racial minority in the courtroom. And then, similar to concerns here in the States, if there was another non-white person in the courtroom they were more often than not the person standing in the dock, accused of a crime. Talking with her clients, often with only a few minutes to spare before the hearing, she realized that her background and race help her understand and connect with the clients. More than one client admits to opening up to her more than they had done with

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## From the Chair

Susan Gualtier

Hello! As my term as FCIL-SIS Chair approaches its end, and as life, at least in the U.S., begins to return to normal, I am reflecting upon the past year with a deep sense of satisfaction.

Despite all of the obstacles this year has thrown at us, the FCIL-SIS has accomplished so much in terms of programming, organizing, and staying connected! I'd like to thank the rest of the Executive Committee – Loren Turner, Hunter Whaley, and Jennifer Allison – as well as all of our members, for trusting me to lead the SIS and for your support during this unprecedented year. This has been my best year yet as a member of FCIL-SIS, and I'm sure that they are only going to get better!



### STATEMENT AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN HATE

The FCIL-SIS stands firmly against hate crime and wishes to express its deepest support for the Asian and Asian American members of our community during this time. We have signed on as an ally to the statement published by the Asian American Law Librarians Caucus of AALL on April 12, 2021. Please take the time to read the statement, as well as the lists of resources, at <https://community.aallnet.org/aallc/home>. It is incumbent upon all of us to join in the fight against racism, starting in our own homes, workplaces, and communities.

### TASK FORCE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Last summer, in the wake of the George Floyd protests, the FCIL-SIS issued a statement to its members in support of Black Lives Matter and announced that we would be forming a Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to create a charge for a new committee to work on these issues. I am thrilled to announce that after a year of hard work, the charge has been drafted and submitted to the Executive Committee! I want to personally thank the Task Force co-chairs, Errol Adams and Dennis Prieto, as well as members Melissa Abernathy, Erin Gow, and Aamir Abdullah, for taking on this work over the past year. Special thanks also to Catherine Deane for meeting with the Task Force and sharing her inspiring work on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Please stay tuned for announcements regarding the new committee in the coming months!

### AALL 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The 2021 AALL Annual Meeting is fast approaching! Please save the date and time for the FCIL-SIS Business Meeting, which will take place Thursday, July 15, 2:00-3:30pm Central Time. The gavel may be metaphorical this year, but the business is quite real. We also hope to see you at the FCIL-SIS sponsored program, "The Ins and Outs of India Legal Research: Learning How to Find India Primary and Secondary Law," which will take place on Wednesday, July 21, 10:15-11:15 Central Time.

Additional committee and IG meetings are currently being scheduled for the weeks leading up to the conference. The FCIL-SIS Publicity Committee will be publishing a full schedule of FCIL events, including Zoom information, closer to the time of the Annual Meeting. As a reminder to all IG and committee chairs, you still have plenty of time to schedule your meetings, should you choose to do so. Please email me at [sgua@law.upenn.edu](mailto:sgua@law.upenn.edu) with your desired date and time, your Zoom information, and/or any scheduling questions you may have.

### FCIL-SIS ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our incoming Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, Marcelo Rodríguez, and incoming Secretary/Treasurer, Caitlin Hunter! Both have already dedicated a tremendous amount of time and energy to our SIS, and I am so excited to see them both on the Executive Committee! Also, thank you to Jennifer Allison, our FCIL-SIS Secretary/Treasurer, for organizing and facilitating our election this year, and thank you to Gabriela Femenia, Chair of our Nomination Committee, for putting Marcelo and Caitlin forward as candidates.

### FINAL COMMENTS

Last, but not least, special thanks to our Newsletter Co-Editors, Melissa Abernathy and Janet Kearney, and Copy Editor, Carmen Valero, for their excellent work on the FCIL Newsletter, which is the archive of our SIS. Melissa and Janet are always looking for submissions, so please contact them at [mabernathy@sandiego.edu](mailto:mabernathy@sandiego.edu) and [jkearney15@fordham.edu](mailto:jkearney15@fordham.edu), respectively, if you wish to contribute.

# Resource Reviews: United Kingdom & Ireland Materials on Westlaw & Lexis

Part of series of reviews prepared by the Electronic Research Interest Group

Erin Gow

This sub-series of Resources Reviews highlights foreign law materials included in standard academic subscriptions to Westlaw Edge and Lexis+.

## HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?

As previously discussed (see [Feb. 2021 FCIL Newsletter](#)), the international materials on Lexis+ and Westlaw Edge are frequently overlooked. Law librarians, researchers, and others who are familiar with these databases beyond the primary landing page are most likely to be aware that both databases offer some materials from the UK and Ireland.

## HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?

Foreign and international materials are not included in the default search on either Lexis+ or Westlaw Edge, so searchers need to know where to look for these collections. Both databases include the United Kingdom in the list of jurisdictions on the front page of their International tabs, however, which makes it easy to access these materials once you know where to look.

Lexis+ also includes England & Wales in the list of jurisdictions on its International tab. This may trap the unwary searcher in a limited collection of resources, if they mistakenly believe they have found all the materials relevant to the UK in the England & Wales collection.

Lexis+ includes Ireland in the primary list of jurisdictions on their International tab, while materials from Ireland in Westlaw Edge are accessible from a secondary “Other International Jurisdictions” page.

## HOW AUTHORITATIVE IS IT?

Neither Lexis+ or Westlaw Edge provide the most authoritative law reporters from the UK’s Incorporated Council of Law Reporting (ICLR), however, Lexis does provide *The Irish Reports* from the ICLR for Ireland. ICLR reporters are the [standard for citation in court in the UK](#), so depending on the needs of the individual searcher neither collection may provide the level of authoritative case law required. For searchers who are less concerned about accessing the most authoritative law reporters, however, a wide range of specialist law reporters are available. Lexis+ also provides the widely cited *All England* series of law reports, and both databases provide the *English Reports*, which are the most authoritative source for cases that predate ICLR reporting. Both databases

provide strong collections of legislation from the British Parliament.

Searchers cannot be fully confident that the materials they find in either database are necessarily good law in the UK, however, since both databases include some materials from outside jurisdictions in their United Kingdom collections. Both databases include EU cases in their United Kingdom collections. Lexis+ includes EU legislation, primary and secondary materials from Ireland, and case law from the Bahamas, the Commonwealth, the United Arab Emirates, and the West Indies in the United Kingdom collection. Searchers in Lexis+ need to be especially careful to check the jurisdictional authority of the sources they find, even when only searching the United Kingdom collection.

## HOW COMPREHENSIVE IS IT, IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENTS?

Lexis+ is fairly comprehensive in terms of Irish case law, but unfortunately neither database provides any Irish legislation. Lexis+ offers fairly extensive Irish news, while Westlaw Edge provides only a handful of Irish journals.

As discussed above, neither database provides entirely comprehensive UK materials, and searchers are likely to need to access both in order to build a complete picture of law in the UK. Lexis+ provides more devolved legislation, with materials from both the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly, while Westlaw Edge only provides Scottish legislation in a separate sub-page from British legislation. Westlaw Edge provides a wide range of treatises from the UK, however, including key texts such as *Archbold: Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice* and the *White Book (Civil Procedure)*. Both databases provide a range of journals from the UK, with Westlaw Edge adding current awareness resources on a range of subjects and Lexis+ providing news sources from across the country.

The United Kingdom collection in Lexis+ is overly comprehensive in some aspects, as discussed above, since it incorporates a range of materials from outside jurisdictions.

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### HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?

Both databases allow American searchers to look for materials in a platform that they are already familiar with, which may ease the transition to working with foreign materials.

Unfortunately, the inclusion of materials from outside jurisdictions in Lexis+ could become complicated for some searchers. There is no way to browse to a level that is restricted enough to search exclusively for Irish news or any UK materials in Lexis+ without having results from both countries mixed together. There is also no easy way to search exclusively for UK cases in Lexis+ without having case law from several other jurisdictions included in the results. This places an extra burden on searchers who will need to independently filter their results for the relevant jurisdiction.

### HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?

Lexis+ is excellent for Irish case law, and both databases allow searchers to quickly locate legal resources from the UK in platforms familiar to the American searcher. Searchers do not have to pay for or learn to use a bespoke database to access these foreign materials. Both databases come with some limitations in terms of content and layout of their UK and Irish materials, however, and may not meet the needs of specialist searchers conducting extensive research into the primary laws of either jurisdiction.

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their prior barristers, typically white males from middle or upper class backgrounds. She argues and points out repeatedly that if the justice system reflected society there would stronger empathy connecting the justice system with the people it serves.

Besides its exploration of the problems of the justice system, *Black and White* provides a firsthand account of what it takes to become a barrister in England: from the early stages of A levels, to university, post-graduate education, pupillage, and finally invitation to join chambers. For those who want to be English barristers, or those of us outside the English system, it's an emotional tale, but an accurate one. It not only informs the reader about the process, but shares the ups and downs of the roller coaster ride.

## FCIL Newsletter

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## FCIL-SIS Member Recent Publications Roundup

Our SIS is fortunate to include in its ranks exceptionally talented and enthusiastic writers. With this feature, we are happy to spread the word of their recent publications.

### SPECTRUM

- Mary Ann Neary & Sherry Xin Chen, [Brief Analysis Tools in the Legal Research Classroom: Challenges & Best Practices](#), 25 AALL: Spectrum, Mar./Apr. 2021, at 10.
- Kristina J. Alayan & Michelle Hook Dewey, [On The Ground: Real-World Solutions - Sweating the Small Stuff: Writing Letters of Recommendation](#), 25 AALL: Spectrum, Mar. / Apr. 2021, at 30.
- Shira Megerman and Marcelo Rodriguez, [How Did Your Staff Respond to the Pandemic?](#), 25 AALL: Spectrum, Mar. / Apr. 2021, at 37..
- Dolly M. Knight, Maribel Nash & Scott Vanderlin, [Tackling Performance Reviews During the Pandemic](#), 25 AALL: Spectrum, Mar./ Apr.2021, at 47.
- Saskia Mehlhorn and Katherine Lowry, [Marketing Your Data Analytics Skills & Services](#), 25 AALL: Spectrum, May / Jun. 2021, at 28.
- Shira Megerman and Marcelo Rodriguez, [COVID-19: How Did Your Staff Respond to the Pandemic?](#), 25 AALL: Spectrum, May / Jun. 2021, at 37.
- Miriam Childs, Andre Davison & Scott Vanderlin, [Successfully Managing Remote Projects](#), 25 AALL: Spectrum, May / Jun. 2021, at 48.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Law Library Journal

- Edward T. Hart, [Memorial: Yvonne Jeannette Chandler \(1957-2020\)](#), 113 Law Libr. J. 71 (2021).

International Journal of Legal Information

- Mary Rumsey, Jennifer Allison, and Marilyn Raisch, [In Memoriam: Three Tributes to Dan Wade](#), 48 Int'l J. Legal Info. 105 (2020).

Globalex

- Mark Engsberg and Kwanghyuk (David) Yoo, [UPDATE: An Introduction to Sources for Treaty Research](#)
- Vicenç Feliú, [UPDATE: Introduction to Public International Law Research](#)
- Vicenç Feliú, [UPDATE: International Trademark Law – The Madrid System](#)
- Juan Andres Fuentes, [UPDATE: The Basic Structure of the Ecuadorian Legal System and Legal Research](#)

- Lyonette Louis-Jacques, [UPDATE: Comparative Criminal Procedure – A Select Bibliography](#)
- Yasmin Morais, [UPDATE: Researching Scottish Legal History](#)

### BOOK REVIEWS

Law Library Journal

- Aamir S. Abdullah, Book Review, 113 Law Libr. J. 54 (2021).

International Journal of Legal Information

- Evelyn Ma, Book Review, 48 Int'l J. Legal Info. 137 (2020).
- Jessica Pierucci, Book Review, 48 Int'l J. Legal Info. 138 (2020).

### BLOG POSTS

IALL Blog

- Jean M. Wenger, [Women's Suffrage: A Celebration and a Global Perspective](#)

DipLawMatic Dialogues

- Yemisi Dina, Sooin Kim and Alexia Loumankis, [Report no.48 on COVID-19: Travel Restrictions Between Canada and Latin America](#)
- Amy Flick, [From the Reference Desk: "How do I cite this international document?"](#)
- Julienne Grant, [Report no.45 on COVID-19: The Rule of Law in Ecuador During the Pandemic \(Part 2\)](#)
- David Isom, [Report no.38 on COVID-19: Mexico's Initial Federal Health Measures](#)

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## Member Publications

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- Lucie Olejnikova, [GloboLex March/April 2021 Issue is Live](#)
- Lucie Olejnikova, [GloboLex May/June 2021 Issue is Live](#)
- Jonathan Pratter, [From the Reference Desk: Free Resources for International Investment Arbitration](#)
- Jonathan Pratter, [From the Reference Desk: Tips for Researching International Human Rights Case Law](#)
- Jonathan Pratter, [From the Reference Desk: Treaty Research Revised](#)
- Marcelo Rodríguez, [Report no.40 on COVID-19: Mexico's Amparo Law in the Context of a Pandemic](#)
- Tracy Emerson Spackey, [New FCIL Librarian Series: Disruption and Innovation at Reference](#)
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## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

NOCALL News

- Hilary Hardcastle, [Committee Corner](#)

## Submissions For Next Issue

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### ARTICLES

Conference reports, library visits, exhibit descriptions, resource reviews, member news, etc. Open call for authors.

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September 1, 2021

### QUESTIONS?

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