Introducing

Amicus Curiae online

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Making the transition from print to web

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Amicus Curiae
“Friend of the Court”

- What is it?
- Why do it?
- How it’s done
- Where it’s going

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Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

What: IALS

Academic institution attached to the University of London, but with a national role.

Established in 1947

Promotes and facilitates advanced study and research in law for the benefit of persons and institutions in the UK and abroad.

- Expertise
- Resources
- Higher Degrees
- Innovation
- Research
- Global Law Library

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What: SALS

Established by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Built on “Friends” organisation
Linking our user communities
Cross-sector role:

- Academic lawyers
- Barristers
- Govt lawyers
- Law students
- Members of judiciary
- Solicitors + other legal practitioners

- Journal (*Amicus Curiae* 1997-)
- Lectures
- Working Groups

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Amicus in Print

Articles by legal experts, judges, practising lawyers, scholars ...

covering wide range of legal topics

- Human rights
- International environmental law
- White collar crime
- Privacy
- Company law
- Family law
- European law

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What: Examples

Articles from Amicus Curiae

- Sports contracts in Italy
- Gulf of Mexico oil disaster
- Socio-legal Lectures
- War Crimes Conference
- plus IALS News and Events

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IALS is the National Resource for Legal Research

- Legal information discovery and delivery systems
- National online legal services
- Research facilitation tools
- IALS role in support of legal research communities in the UK and internationally (increasingly via digital means)

10,485,859 hits in 2010/2011
2,694,272 views in 2010/2011
595,777 visitors in 2010/2011
From over 100 countries

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Amicus Curiae joins a portfolio of open access online UK legal research facilitation tools from IALS

- IALS website – resources of the Institute and its Library
- Amicus Curiae online
- BAILII – British and Irish Legal Information Institute
- CLRT - Current Legal Research Topics
- Digitisation – IALS online collections
- Eagle-i – Electronic Access to Global Legal Information
- Internet for Law Tutorial (UK Virtual Training Suite)
- IALS SKiLLS – Source + Know-how in legal literacy skills
- FLAG – Foreign Law Guide
- FIT – Flare Index to Treaties
- FOGG – Foreign Official Government Gazettes
Why: FALM

IALS is a member of the worldwide Free Access to Law Movement.

An alliance of over 30 institutes and organisations which subscribe to the Declaration on Free Access to Law and collaborate in the free provision of legal information and on global policy issues.

Member organisations based in countries and regions such as Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Pacific Islands, Philippines, Southern Africa, Uganda, and the USA.

http://www.falm.info/
Extend reach

- Unlock past work and publication – renewed currency and relevance
- Find wider audience and different demographic – engage with young legal academics and their students
- Provide new searching/browsing, finding/using tools – research opportunities
- Attract new generation of writers
- Social networking - dialogue

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Online publication of *Amicus Curiae* by IALS has evolved over recent years...

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SAS-Space

School of Advanced Study’s scholarly institutional open access repository

Amicus Curiae collection of articles. Author focus

- Author listing + browse
- Abstract
- PDF of article
- RSS feed options
- User tags + notes + comments

EPrints application
Preservation facilities

http://sas-space.sas.ac.uk/view/collections/ialsac.html

openDOAR cross-search
RA impact
How: OJS

Preconditions:

- Editorial team support
- Management support
- Technical support

Issues to address:

- Scope of open / free access
- Need for embargo period?
- Amicus = issue 46 to precurrent

- Balance of risks: sales v impact
- Devalue if free v more usage

- Rights + permissions
- Creative commons licence

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How: OJS

Actions:

• Metadata renewal + enhancement
• PDF replacement
• OCR layer
• Filename consistency
• Author name consistency

Results:

• Increased functionality
• Full range of search + browse
• Article search
• Scope for links to additional related material (eg sections of act on legislation.gov.uk)

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How: OJS

Visibility + potential:

- Provide look + feel of “commercial” online journal
- eISSN registration
- DOAJ registration
- Participation in wider projects
- Accessibility to mobile technology + future delivery
- Usage data
- Production costs
- Sustainability
- Options to consider / adjust SALS membership charges
- Practical policies + flexibility

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Where: Archive

Next steps:

• Add more content

• Go back to earlier issues not yet online in any way

• Amicus Curiae issues 1-45

• Outsource digitisation (Colour PDFs OCR layer)

• Retrospective permissions

• Possibility of additional online only content

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Where: Life cycle

SAS Open Journals

• Try-out the production system
• Define roles in system + mapping to real activity + practice
• Role of advertising

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