

5 Royal Courts of Justice

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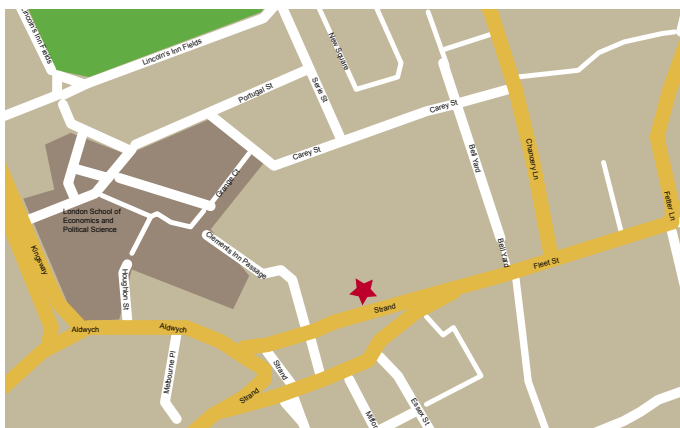
Linked courts: Family Principal Registry (High Holborn), Employment Appeal Tribunal (Victoria Embankment), Competition Appeal Tribunal (Bloomsbury Place), Technology & Construction Court (Fetter Lane), Solicitor's Disciplinary Tribunal (Farringdon St), Supreme Court Costs Office (Fetter Lane). Strand, London, WC2A 2LL

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Getting to the Court

By Car

From the end of M1, turn left onto the A406 North Circular and then bear right onto the A1. Follow the A1 through Highgate and Archway. At the Archway roundabout take the 2nd turning onto the A1 Holloway Rd. Turn right at the junction signposted Kings Cross and bear left onto Caledonian Rd, A5203. Follow that road to the junction with Pentonville Rd. Go straight on and bear right onto Gray's Inn Road, A501. Turn left at the junction onto Euston Rd. At the junction with Southampton Row (A4200) turn left down Southampton Row. Follow the road past Russell Sq and Holborn tube station, where it becomes Kingsway. At the end turn left along the Aldwych and bear left onto the Strand. The Royal Courts of Justice (RCJ) is immediately on the left. There is very limited metered parking in Essex St opposite the RCJ at £4.40ph. The nearest NCP car park is in Shoe Lane (10–15 min walk). *Disabled parking can be arranged 24 hrs in advance by fax V limited meter parking NCP in Shoe Lane*



By Train/Bus

Nearest tube station is Temple (District Line). Turn right out of the station, up the steps and then straight ahead up. At the top of the road turn right onto the Strand. The RCJ is up ahead on the other side of the Strand.

District Line. 2 min walk. Trolley friendly

Understanding the Court

Days Open Mon– Fri.

Opening/Sitting Times Building open 09.00–16.30. Court office open 10.00–16.30. Court usually sits from 10.00.



Listings Hearings are usually listed by estimated hearing length. Please call to check listings and location of court/hearing room prior to hearing. Telephone and video hearings/conferences possible (and conference rooms/video conferencing facilities can also be hired).

Using the Court

Arriving The main entrance leads to the Centre Block, where there are security gates and X-ray searches. The other blocks: West Green Building, Thomas More Building, Queen's Building, East Block North, East Block South can be accessed, and are signposted, from the Centre Block. The main enquiry desk is at the main entrance. There are two information points/maps at the front and rear of the main hall, behind the reception desk, where the court lists are located. Sign in with individual hearing/court room ushers. There are helpline phones around the RCJ which can connect you with PSU, security and the enquiry desk.

Waiting Cafe 26 is in the crypt area at the far end of the main hall. There are separate male and female advocates' rooms with tea/coffee facilities and toilets, signposted to the left of the main entrance. The female advocates' room is in the basement and the male advocates' room is on the ground floor. The main hall and benched areas in each of the buildings, outside each of the courts, provide ample waiting areas.

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Preparing The different court offices for each division of the High Court/Court of Appeal are spread throughout different blocks, please consult the enquiry desk/maps. There are numerous consultation rooms throughout the building. Access to the custody area is on the ground floor, just off the far right-hand corner of the main hall. There are public photocopying facilities within the reprographic unit, in room M19, at the rear of the Main Hall, behind Café 26, open from 9.00–16.30. First visit the RCJ Fees Office, in room E01, with your documents. Upon payment of a court fee you will receive a receipt that you must show the staff in room M19 before the photocopying commences.

Performing There are 82 court rooms in total and numerous hearing rooms. Rooms are prefixed by letters relating to the building they are situated in and the first digit of the room number is the floor number: eg TM 101 is room 01 on the 1st floor of Thomas More Building; C225 is room 25 on the 2nd floor of Centre Block. Please call to check listings and location of court/hearing room prior to hearing.

Escaping the Court

Eating

No time? Cafe 26 is in the court building itself.

More time? There are numerous sandwich shops on the Strand



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and surrounding streets. Try Apostrophe opposite the court, or Brunel's on the corner of Essex St and Strand.

Killing time? Similarly, there are many pubs and restaurants in the area. The Edgar Wallace on Essex St is a real-ale pub and is recommended (www.edgarwallacepub.com). The Old Bank of England pub is a beautiful building on Strand with a beer garden, turn left out of the RCJ (www.fullers.co.uk).

Shopping

The nearest cashpoint is at the NatWest bank opposite the RCJ. Turning right out of the court building will take you along the Aldwych and Strand, towards Charing Cross and Trafalgar Square. Turn right off Strand to get to Covent Garden.

Historic Attractions

The Inns of Court are always worth a visit. Inner and Middle Temple are opposite the RCJ, behind the façade of Fleet St – there are gates onto both Middle and Inner Temple Lane. Lincoln's Inn is behind the RCJ and Gray's Inn is on the Northern side of High Holborn, 5 mins away. A short distance away you will find Clarence House (the residence of the Prince of Wales, www.princeofwales.gov.uk), Apsley House (www.englishheritage.co.uk), Buckingham Palace (www.royal.gov.uk), Spencer House (www.spencerhouse.co.uk) and Fitzroy House (www.fitzroyhouse.org).

Accommodation

The luxury Chancery Court Hotel is on High Holborn (020 78299888; www.marriott.co.uk). The Howard Swissotel is on the corner of Temple Place and Maltravers St (020 78363555; www.swissotel.com).

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