



A map of London's Inns of Court

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Legal London. A Map showing the Inns of Court and places frequented by those Learned in the Law. With the Streets Lanes & Alleys. The Churches Colleges & Public Buildings The Theatres Hotels Taverns & other places of Interest within Half a Mile of The Royal Courts of Justice - A.D. 1931.

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A map of the environs of the Inns of Court, bounded with the Thames in the south, with Waterloo Bridge bottom left, the Strand, Kingsway, High Holborn, Gray's Inn Road, Hatton Garden, Holborn Viaduct, Farrington Street, Fleet Street and Whitefriars Street. It is decorated with the arms of the City of London, the Metropolitan Borough of Holborn, and the Honorable Societies of Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple and Middle Temple. Under Holborn Circus is an elevation of the Temple Bar, Wren's arched gateway, now in Paternoster Square. Around the title are lines from Edmund Spenser's 'Prothalamion', published 1596: 'There when they came, whereas those bricky towres, The which on Themmes brode aged backe doe ryde, Where now the studious Lawyers haue their bowers That whylome went the Templer Knights to byde, Till they decayd through pride.' The map was drawn by George Spencer Hoffman (1875-1950), an architect and painter.



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