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Judgments are arranged by country, then listed alphabetically by names of parties, followed by the court and date of decision. Abbreviations for the courts are as follows:

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- C.A. Court of Appeal
- S.C. Supreme Court
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The green lease toolkit will encourage landlords and tenants to work together on environmental issues, preparing the way for eventual legislation, says *Dominic Beeton*

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With the number of indeterminate sentences increasing, the authorities should publish the correct test to be applied when prisoners are considered for release, says *Philip Rule*

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The jurisdiction of a Land Registry adjudicator has been considerably widened in cases where an application for a restriction against a property has been made, says *Chandni Ruparelia*

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Pretty vacant

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