

INTRODUCTION TO INAUGURAL EDITION

The Strathclyde Law School is accustomed to innovation. Over the years, the Law School has seen a steady rise in stature because of the willingness of its people to deliver things differently for the benefit of others. The Strathclyde Law Clinic has always been a roaring success – the very first of its kind in Scotland and proving to be the catalyst for others to follow. Elsewhere, our learned teachers work hard to provide exemplary legal teaching in new and exciting ways. From unique LLM programmes to a growing emphasis on mediation, the Law School is forever reinventing itself to accommodate the contemporary needs of the modern legal community.

Two students wished to tap into the Law School's innovative tradition. After a long discussion in the summer of last year, we concluded that for all of the Law School's successful projects and initiatives - a crucial piece of the patchwork quilt was missing: a law review. We quickly got to work.

The aim was to create a legal publication that included a broad range of legal arguments that would enter the legal community with authority and purpose. We set no limit – any student from any institution in the UK was able to provide a sample of their work. We were not disappointed. We received a vast array of interesting and topical papers that attempted to engage in the legal debates that currently circulate the legal sphere. We hope that following editions are rewarded with equal amounts of enthusiasm and excellence. Our ambition for the review did not just rest with the talents of law students: we wished to include submissions from experienced practitioners and academics who could enrich the review with their advanced knowledge of the law. We are most fortunate to have gained Robert B. Anthony QC, who approached his work with great care and attention. We are flattered to have him write for us and we hope that he is the start of a long and fruitful tradition of professional involvement with the review.

Every step of our journey has had someone there willing to guide us. In particular, we would like to thank Professor Bryan Clark for displaying such enthusiasm for the review and assisting us from the very moment we sat in his office discussing the project. David Sams must also be appreciated for having the skill and patience to help us create our very own website. We must also comment on the dedication of our peer reviewers, who must remain anonymous, who excelled themselves by treating every paper with diligence and remaining calm in the face of rather tight deadlines. Finally, we would like to specifically thank the Rt. Honourable Lord Hope of Craighead for his excellent foreword: having the name of perhaps this country's most widely respected judge is sure to be a good omen for the longevity of the Strathclyde Student Law Review.

The Editorial Board

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