

INTRODUCTION

Four years have passed since the original edition of the Strathclyde Law Review was published. In that time the Law Review has expanded and built upon previous works to become an internationally recognised publication. The consistent supply of high quality and interesting articles from around the world has meant that the Strathclyde Law Review is able to put out into the legal world something that every member of staff can be immensely proud of. This is no less true in case of this year's publication. As you will see, Volume IV Issue I of the Strathclyde Law Review has no shortage of thought-provoking and insightful articles.

There was an atmosphere of disruption in this past academic year with strike action and inclement weather affecting classes. However, acting against their best interests many lecturers continued providing classes to ensure our success. Those who could not hold classes, still provided the necessary class materials to students even though, given the circumstances, they were under no obligation to do so. Our lecturers have had to balance the worthy causes of education and fair retirement conditions and have done so amicably.

The foreword for this edition is written by the distinguished Donald Findlay QC. With a career spanning over forty years as a criminal defence lawyer and then queen's counsel, he has been a strong and unwavering proponent of the presumption of innocence. His work has sparked much debate among the members of the legal profession in decades gone by, and it is for this reason that there is no individual better suited to contribute a foreword to this edition.

The Strathclyde Law Review provides a medium for critical discussion and development of both contemporary and historical law. Without individuals such as Donald Findlay QC to scrutinise and debate the interpretation of the law, there would be one fewer avenue through which it could develop. We would therefore like to thank Donald Findlay QC for not only his contribution to the Strathclyde Law Review but also his contribution to the Scottish justice system.

Since the first iteration of the Strathclyde Law Review, our publication has developed a broader and more encompassing perspective. This is reflected both in the geographical location of our articles' authors and the diverse range of subject matters contained within. This year's edition contains articles on subject matters ranging from the impact of tax credits on social housing in the United States, to the development of Scots and English law in the treatment of psychopaths in our courts.

It is becoming increasingly clear that even Scots domestic law does not exist within a vacuum. The world is now more interconnected than ever-before. With contributions from authors located in Belgium, the USA and everywhere in between, we hope that this year's edition of the Strathclyde Law Review will allow each reader to develop a more nuanced legal understanding of the world in which we live.

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