



Welcome to the Wolverhampton Law Journal

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of the Wolverhampton Law Journal (WLJ).¹ This is an exciting new undertaking by the Wolverhampton Law School and, particularly, the Law Research Centre.

The WLJ is intended to encourage and enhance scholarship in the areas of law and criminal justice. It is a peer-reviewed academic journal published by the Law Research Centre. It is intended that the journal will publish, on a biannual basis, contributions relevant to the research fields of law and criminal justice. The scholarly rigour and the contribution that the manuscript makes to the development of legal and/or criminal justice scholarship serve as primary criteria for acceptance of submissions for publication. All such contributions will be subject to anonymous review by expert referees. Submissions that deal with more practical aspects within law and criminal justice will also be considered, as will news items, conference reports, case notes and book reviews. Postgraduate and research students are encouraged to consider submissions as part of their ambition to producing research papers. This also complements the mission of the WLJ and the Law Research Centre to encourage younger scholars and scholarship more generally.

Adopting a “glocal” approach, WLJ targets issues of regional (West Midlands), national and transnational reach. In order to assist with the dissemination of research, the Law Research Centre has partnered with SSRN to implement a gold-open access policy for all contributions published in WLJ. With publication in WLJ, all research will be immediately available to any and all interested parties without any fees. At the same time, authors of published research will share their findings with the world immediately, under the easily identifiable ORCID-ID numbers.

In this issue we are considering the nature of an assignment of book debts and how such assignments operate in an Insolvency Law context; reflecting on Restorative Justice as “not a new thing”; investigating aspects of rough sleeping of women in four EU countries; discussing a recent case that evaluates the interplay between proprietary estoppel and the common intention constructive trust; two book reviews on Intellectual Property and Insolvency Law respectively; and finally a riveting reflection on insights gained at a restorative justice conference in Albania.

The Editorial Board hopes that the appearance of the WLJ will stimulate the advance of scholarship and will be warmly received by the legal and criminal justice communities.

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