

Editorial

We are very pleased to publish the second issue of the twenty-seventh volume of the *Coventry Law Journal*. This issue contains many pieces that reflect what has occurred in this turbulent year. In the leading article, Andrew Jones writes on the application of international criminal law with respect to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. There are also a number of case notes and recent developments on recurring matters such as assisted dying, free speech and public morality, and patient autonomy and human rights. We are also pleased to include an update on discrimination and hairstyles, where ex-student Demi Clarke-Jeffers re-visits her piece in the last issue of the Journal to incorporate recent observations in this area.

We are especially pleased to include a reflective article by Rhonda Hammond-Sharlot, the School's Curriculum Lead for Professional Studies, who uses her professional and academic experience to explore the potential impact of the new Solicitors' Qualification Examination (SQE) on legal education and the expectations of students and the various professions. Coventry University, as with many other institutions, will become involved in the new Qualification, and Rhonda offers a valuable insight into legal education and how the new scheme will impact on students, staff and the legal profession.

The Journal is also delighted to include articles from academics overseas. Dr Isau Olatunji Ahmed and Khafayat Yetunde Olatinwo, both from Kwara State University in Nigeria, write, respectively, on tax avoidance in Nigeria, and space law; this time considering the potential application of the law of mortgages in outer space. Our thanks also go to John Sawyer, for researching and writing, with Steve Foster, on another piece of legal history relating to his family. We are also grateful to other staff at the Law School, who contributed case notes and book reviews on crime, criminal justice and human rights.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to Dr Romit Bhandari, Dr Monica Ingber and Sandra Maynard, who leave us to take up exciting new positions at other universities. Our thanks go to them for all their hard work at Coventry Law School; we wish all of them every success in the future.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue and find something that will interest you: either as a student to inform your law study, or as a scholar to inspire your future research and interest in law. We also look forward to receiving your contributions for future issues. We encourage contributions from students, academic staff and practitioners, and if you wish to contribute to the Journal and want any advice or assistance in being published then please contact the editors. The next publication date is July 2022, and contributions need to be forwarded to us by early June.

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