

Editorial

We are very pleased to publish the first issue of the twenty-ninth volume of the *Coventry Law Journal*. This issue contains many pieces covering essential contemporary legal issues, such as the right to assisted dying, hate and anti-diversity speech, illegal migration laws, international conflicts and environmental rights. These areas have been highlighted on our degree modules and their inclusion here allows staff and students to contribute to the legal and other debates.

There are also a number of case notes and recent developments on recurring matters such as free speech and privacy, sentencing and trade union rights. We are grateful to staff at the Law School, who contributed case notes and book reviews on various aspects of law: including one from our research fellow, Dr Rona Epstein. Again, we are grateful for contributions from academics outside of the Law School, including our former colleague, Sukhninder Panesar, who has contributed an article on property co-ownership in commercial ventures, and Steve Foster from Manchester Grammar School, who has co-written a piece with the other Steve Foster from our Law School.

The Journal also welcomes various contributions from our students. We have published four of our undergraduate students' dissertations, an essay on equality written by a student on the third year of the LLB, a number of shorter articles written by students as part of their course assessments on our exciting new module – Contemporary Issues in Law – a conference paper from students at SWUPL, and a case note on contract law by one of our first year students. We wish them all every success in the future as academic writers.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to Dr Mahmoud Masud, who leaves us to take up an exciting new position abroad. Mahmoud has been a student and teacher at Coventry University for 13 years, and has recently completed his PhD in Islamic Free Speech Law. He was a tremendously popular member of staff and provided great assistance to our students in Equity and Trusts, Property Law and Legal System. We also bid very fond farewells to Serena Sauba, who is off to De Montfort University to specialise in Gender and the Law; and Dr Neshat Safari, who will take her expertise in Company and Commercial Law to the University of Wolverhampton: we wish them all the best 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 December 2024, and contributions need to be forwarded to us by early November 2024 at the latest.

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