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## EDITORIAL

In the never ending quest to improve the Journal a new section has been introduced in this issue. Due to the large number of high quality books now written by academics and practitioners on legal subjects it has been decided to include a section for reviews of new books in the legal field.

In this issue you will find two such reviews, one on *European Law and Human Rights* and the other on *Understanding Law - Skills and Sources for Students*.

The articles which are published in the current issue are of a very varied nature and should be of interest to many readers, both academic and practitioners. The first article is the first part of a two-part article which examines the actual and the potential role of transnational law, divided into global international law, and European international law, in the assertion of rights and freedoms by people with disabilities. The article reviews a variety of sources of international law, both binding and non-binding, and demonstrates a range of approaches to enforcement, regulation and supervision adopted by the various systems of law. The article identifies the potential benefits of these approaches to disabled people, in the context of the struggle against disability-based discrimination. These developments are placed in the wider context of the development of anti-discrimination jurisprudence.

The second article addresses a very confused area of corporate governance by discussing the controversies surrounding the basis of corporate criminal liability. The article helps to pull together all the strands of argument that are currently under discussion and addresses in detail the principle of corporate fault as a solution to the dilemma. The recent attempts to develop a more holistic approach to liability, in this area, which reflects corporate culpability, are welcomed as a more satisfactory basis on which to ascribe liability. Nevertheless, the author acknowledges that the concept of corporate criminal liability based on corporate fault presents a challenging task.

The third article discusses an issue of contemporary interest. The recent cases concerning General Pinochet have highlighted some issues surrounding military dictatorship and formal constitutional mechanisms. The article examines how one dictatorship maintained what it valued as its social and economic gains when the dictatorship ended and there was a

passage from dictatorship to formal parliamentary democracy. The title of the article describes 25 years *of* the Pinochet coup and not 25 years *after* the Pinochet coup. This properly describes the thesis that through the 1980 Pinochet constitution the special economic dimension of the 1973 military coup has been sustained. The article is thus a social, political and economic commentary on the formal provisions of a constitution.

The final article considers whether the safety representative as an experiment in industrial democracy has now been abandoned. The article does not attempt to explore the effectiveness of the representative, but attempts to demonstrate that the concept of worker/employer communication on a matter of mutual concern and the use of such representatives to communicate with inspectors has been steadily attenuated in subsequent legislation.

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