
INTRODUCTION

Summer brings with it relief from classes and students, it is the breathing time of academia. I have no doubt that summers away from our respective campuses provides a welcome respite and the opportunity for quiet contemplation.

Jason A. Beckett, who wrote in these pages in the inaugural issue of *Jurisprudence*, introduced me to Richard Mullender of the University of Newcastle's School of Law, who is the guest editor of this edition. It is through Richard's vision that Allan C. Hutchinson's and Derek Morgan's landmark article 'The Canengusian Connection' been subjected to close analysis in the essays contained in this edition. Not only has our distinguished guest editor brought together many notable scholars in the field of tort to analyze the Hutchinson and Morgan article, but this issue also contextualises the impact of the article in contemporary legal practice.

In some ways a compilation of this importance, scope and magnitude could have only emerged in the summer. Richard Mullender sowed the seeds of this special edition late last year, and through tireless work the fruits emerged early this summer. Yet, I must applaud Richard's dedication, for he is a man not satisfied by mere fruits, but aspires to the highest degrees of quality. He relentlessly polished and improved each article, and it is through his vision that this collection, I am sure, will have a long term impact on the study of tort.

Richard's passion for the study of tort is evidenced by this issue. He is a leader in the field; the diversity and stature of the contributors to this issue is a testament to the high esteem in which he is held in England and abroad. It is truly an honour for the Journal to have been blessed with his guest editorship of this issue.

A very pleasing aspect of this project has been the opportunity to include essays by two students, Man Chun Siu and Emilia Mickiewicz. Among the aims of the Journal *Jurisprudence* is to create opportunities for legal scholars, at an early point in their careers, to refine their analyses and arguments under the guidance of those with more experience. It is also pleasing to have been able to assist a group of scholars who have been - to use Andrew Halpin's apt phrase - pursuing an 'exploratory project.' As this

project has unfolded, it has become clear that those involved have been able to make a great deal of progress while raking over their ideas together. This is as much a good use of the space created by *The Journal Jurisprudence* as it is of the opportunities opened up for reflection over the summer.

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