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## EDITORIAL

This year's issue headlines Sir Terence Etherton MR's Pilgrim Fathers' Lecture held in association with the Plymouth Law Society on the theme of freedom of religion and the role of the law when such freedoms are oppressed and which, not surprisingly, was exceptionally well attended. Not only was the theme particularly pertinent in relation to the Puritans escaping religious intolerance, but it is highly topical in light of the recent Supreme Court decision in *Lee v Ashers Baking Company Ltd* [2018] aka as the 'Gay Cake case', following a line of challenges testing the legal parameters of religious freedom and conscience. We are immensely privileged to be able to publish such a compelling and analytical critique from such an eminent member of the judiciary whose judgments we admire for their coherence, accessibility and rectitude. We also expect to see significant references to the Lecture in some of the work our students produce in the future!

The theme of equality and fairness feature in a number of articles and reports in this issue starting with the work of two new colleagues who joined the School this academic year. Complementing the headline piece, James Gould reprises the significance of Article 9 freedom of conscience and reviews the reasoning of the Supreme Court, specifically that of Lady Hale, in *Lee v Ashers Baking Company Ltd* and *Greater Glasgow Health Board v Doogan* (2014). Lisamarie Deblasio outlines the empirical research she conducted for her PhD interviewing the experiences of birth mothers and the inequities suffered especially in cases of 'forced' (non-consensual) adoption of their children. Student reports detail the inequities faced by child suspects highlighted in a one-day symposium organised by Piers von Berg and summarized by Rebecca Harris, reflections on Sir Terence's lecture from first year law student Holly Parker and concerns presented at an Amnesty International student conference about the differences in abortion provision in the United Kingdom that Shannon Tucker and Natasha Owen attended – another issue recently examined at the Supreme Court.

Undergraduate student dissertations analyse some of the key topical issues of the day. Philip Connor and George Cass offer some timely advice and supposition to those embroiled in the current political debates about how Brexit will impact the UK's management of the environment and its fishing industry. Lucy Hooper's examination of the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 provides ample legal background in understanding the likely culpability for Grenfell tower. Finally, Elle Rocket offers an intriguing insight into the 'Trashion' industry and the legal liabilities and implications for those who produce 'fast fashion' clothing. The postgraduate legal research project is represented by GDL student Tom Graham's exceptionally well-written piece on the differences between the common law and equitable

tests for non-contractual mistaken transfers. Two more student reports confirm the level of commitment and support from the University of Plymouth Student Law Society with Oliver Tuck outlining the success of he and his partner Sophi Carroll (this year's President) in coming 11<sup>th</sup> in the International Student Negotiations Competition and how one former incapacitated Royal Marine, Patrick Prestidge, transitioned from the armed forces to legal study providing inspiration for those finding the first year somewhat hardgoing.

Kim Stevenson, Editor-in Chief and Jason Lowther, General Editor (Law)  
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