

EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

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Lord Denning is well known for many aspects of his long and illustrious legal career. The Denning Law Journal carries his name both in recognition, and furtherance of his legacy and contributions to law. This is reflected in the mission statement of the Journal:

“The aim of the journal is to provide a forum for the widest discussion of issues arising in the common law world and the Commonwealth, and to embrace the wider global and international issues of contemporary concern.

Lord Denning recognised the importance of:

- *developing the common law*
- *focusing on the development of law in Commonwealth jurisdictions*
- *the need for judicial and community recognition of the urgency of reform and modernization of law*
- *the need to preserve traditions of judicial independence, integrity, accountability and creativity*
- *reflecting upon the interplay of law and morality*
- *the role to be played by the state in the defence of the individual in the modern state*
- *international and comparative law*
- *protection and promotion of human and constitutional rights*
- *development of constitutional and administrative law*

The Denning Law Journal strives to reflect these in its publication.”

This edition of the Journal is particularly reflective of the values espoused by Lord Denning, on the importance of the role of the common law in advancing legal change to keep up with a changing world. This is

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noted in his quote from the case of *Packer v. Packer* [1954] P. 15 at 22: “If we never do anything which has not been done before, we shall never get anywhere. The law will stand still whilst the rest of the world goes on; and that will be bad for both.”

The collection of articles provides a view into the strength of common law in both changing and maintaining the rule of law across a variety of legal areas. This edition provides a diverse and innovative discussion that together highlight the view that is proffered by Lord Denning. The law indeed is not standing still. There is movement in the area of property law, environmental law, the relationship of law to technology, as well as in managing and resolving issues of corruption and money laundering, and in addressing issues of discrimination in education. The Denning Law Journal provides an important platform for the necessary discussions, introspections, and analysis of where the law has been and where it needs to go, to meet the challenges of a highly technical globalised world that is both adapting to new developments and information while it still has not resolved age-old problems of discrimination, resource allocation and universal access to fundamental human rights.

The Journal strives to address these issues within the context of the vision of Lord Denning. We are already looking forward to the 2019 edition, which will include of the winner of a post-graduate student writing competition. We encourage anyone with an interest in publication in the 2019 edition to make a submission. Informal queries are always warmly welcomed.

As ever, the production of this Journal is the result of teamwork, and it is important to note and give thanks to the student editors, Gbogboade Akitoye, Yousef Bendahane, Charley-Anne Gordon, Wardah Masood Hasan and Jana Ward, who gave generously of their time and knowledge to help in proof reading and editing. Dr James Slater guided and supported the students in this very important endeavor. A thanks is also due to Dr Jocelynne Scutt and Professor John Hatchard, for their efforts, and a final thanks to Sandra Clarke, who has joined our Law School as Dean of Law, for her support and encouragement where the Denning Law Journal is concerned.

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