



HISTORY OF “THE CRIMINAL LAWYER” PUBLICATION

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Amazingly, there are only 3 Journals of criminal law in the United Kingdom:- The Criminal Lawyer, The Criminal Law Review and the Journal of Criminal Law. The Criminal Lawyer, ISN 0956 7429, is a monthly criminal law newsletter of the United Kingdom, specifically for practicing solicitors. It contains Continuous Professional Development material and is accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. The Editor of The Criminal Lawyer is Sally Ramage, BA (Hons), MBA, MPhil, MCIOJ.

The Criminal Lawyer is twenty (20) years old and began its life as a Butterworths journal. Butterworths sold it to Tottel in 2004. This is a potted history of the Criminal Lawyer with its Butterworths and Tottel parentage.

Key Dates

1818: Butterworths legal publisher founded

1916: Tolley tax publisher founded

1970: Butterworth Group joins Reed

1994: Reed Elsevier acquires LexisNexis

1996: Butterworths Tolley created

2001: LexisNexis absorbs the Butterworth Tolley brand

2003: Butterworths put up for sale a large part of its portfolio.

2004: Tottel Publishing formed by some of the most senior figures in the law and tax publishing field, the name Tottel chosen after the Fleet Street publishing business of Richard Tottel in the year 1553.

Tottel Publishing acquired 600 books, journals, newsletters and loose-leaf services from Butterworths. Among its purchases from Butterworths, Tottel bought the monthly newsletter for practitioner criminal law solicitors, In 2004, when Tottel Publishing bought The Criminal Lawyer, it was edited by Tottel's in-house editors and from 2006 to August 2007, by Andy Sinclair. Sally Ramage, who was a member of the writing team of The Criminal Lawyer, became its editor in August 2007. In 2005, Westlaw and Lawtel contracted with Tottel Publishing to include the articles from Tottel's journals in the international Lawtel and Westlaw legal databases.

The Criminal Lawyer's articles in LAWTEL and WESTLAW

“2008 Amendments of the Proceeds of Crime act 2002 and other legislation that combats terrorist financing”

“Human Rights and terrorists”

“Compensation for Pension Scheme frauds”

“Covert surveillance”

“A new kind of criminal law”

“Accessory liability and withdrawal”

“Hearsay evidence- the principles-such as they are”

“Criminal cartels”

“Gross Negligence Manslaughter”

“Combat the Trafficking of Women and Children”

“Break in- make my Criminal Justice policy”

“Sport: Crime and Consent”

“Presumed innocent? From Salem to Soham”

“From Reivers to Speeders: Anglo-Scots Cross-border Crime and Policing”

“Gross Negligence Manslaughter and illegal activity”

“Tactical voting and vote-bartering”

“The Supreme Court: a separation of powers or a union of laws?”

“Obtaining a money transfer by deception”

“The Coroner: Recent legislative Aspects”

“The Trial of Saddam Hussein”

“A Visible Authority”

“Duress: Voluntary Joining of Criminal Associations”

“The UK Fraud Offence Bill- a critical analysis”

“The Computer and Internet Crime Conference 2005”

”Unlawful act manslaughter and assisting drug-abuse injection”

“Cutting the sinews of crime”

“The Criminal Justice Act 2003 and changes to extended sentences”

“Conspiracy to defraud and drafting particulars of indictment”

“Finding a balance for tackling anti-social behaviour”

“Not-for-Profit Organisations and the Combating of Terrorist Financing”

“Provocation: The Privy Council re-enters the fray”

“Vulnerable adults and the Criminal Justice system in England and Wales: some proposals for reform”

“The defence of necessity and the supply of cannabis”

“When stalkers become violent: the threat to public figures and private lives”

“Non-consensual horseplay and involuntary manslaughter”

“Crooks and culpability: a study of fraud and fraudsters”

“Jury directions on provocation”

“Are the victims of lust expendable?”

“Voluntary intoxication inducing mistaken belief: no defence to murder”

“Intermediaries and s.29 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999”

“Corporate killing: justice at last”

“The revised Police PACE Codes of Practice: “An Englishman’s home was his castle?”

“Conspiracy and drug trafficking”

“Severe personality disorder and its implications for the release of lifers and determinate sentence prisoners”

“The new arrest powers – some food for thought”

“Culpability or consequences?”

“Joint enterprise and unforeseen consequences”

“Tribunals, show trials and judicial legitimacy”

“Obtaining property or pecuniary advantage by deception now classed as fraud”

“The mens rea of incitement”

“The scope of actual bodily harm- cutting it fine in the Divisional Court”

“Reports for courts- risk assessment and e-OASYS Pre-Sentence Report”

“Tackling the trafficking of women and children- Part 2”

“The charge of arson”

“The law of unintended consequences- a perspective on the draft Directive on Criminal Measures to enforce Intellectual Property”

“Intercountry or transnational organised crime”

“The meaning of actual bodily harm”

“Extradition and mutual assistance – a changing landscape”

“Willing accomplices: Third- party complicity in the policy of ‘Extraordinary Renditions’ under International Criminal Law”

“The law on controlled drugs – some recent and proposed changes” by Leonard Jason-Lloyd

“Incitement and victims as parties to crime”

“Sexual assault and the Sexual Offences Act 2003 – a touch too far”

“Legal Aid- some international comparisons”

“Self-defence and motive for revenge”

“A singularly delicate relationship: Silence and the waiver of Legal Professional Privilege”

“Unlawful act manslaughter and affray”

“Contestability and the future of the probation service”

“Mens rea and the ‘purpose of obtaining sexual gratification’”

“Criminal powers and the HMRC”

“Gross negligence manslaughter in heroin addict case”

“Human Trafficking in 2008- blowing way some myths”

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