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Cases That Changed Our Lives: Volume 2



Synopsis

Following the international success of Volume 1 in 2010, Volume 2 presents a brand new selection of cases that have changed our lives. This collection of essays examines key cases (both UK and international) that have changed or created the rules and procedures which govern our lives and which we abide by. It takes a retrospective look at the circumstances behind the results of these great cases, examining the facts and the lasting legacies, as well as revealing a human side to the events that is not always apparent from the law reports. The themes addressed by the book demonstrate the rule of law, showing that through something as abstract as judicial reasoning, we create a set of rules and procedures which govern our lives. In support of the rule of law and the causes championed by LexisNexis, a sum of GBP1 from every copy of the book sold will be donated to Stop the Traffik, a global movement of activists around the world who passionately give their time and energy to build resilient communities and prevent human trafficking.

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â œBE YOU EVER SO HIGH, THE LAW IS ABOVE YOUâ •: HEREâ ™S A MOST WELCOME NEW COLLECTION OF CASES WHICH HAVE CREATED OUR COMMON LAW OF TODAYAn appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green ChambersItâ ™s always worthwhile quoting Denningâ ™s most famous utterance in Gourietâ ™s case in 1977 that â ~be you ever so high, the law is above youâ ™, and the sentiments which go back such a long way to the trial of Charles I in 1649 and its aftermath as the centuries which followed created modern English common lawâ | which we then gave to the world.This excellent new book by Ian McDougall and James Wilson and their team of contributors gives a wonderful insight into how we

have arrived at today's jurisprudence. We were particularly touched by the motivation of the authors and publisher to donate some money to "Stop the Traffik" - the prevention of human trafficking- from sales of this volume which we can confirm will "be well received" (again) so the editor and colleagues need not fret. The story of the cases that changed what we do would never, in our view, be complete without the splendid Louisa Carlill of Smoke Ball fame whose delightful cartoon image appears on the front cover. For very many law students, we suspect that Mrs Carlill's little adventure will remain of special significance (it does to us) as one of the first "big" cases we study as law students so do read chapter 18 on page 181 if you do not do anything else! Lord Thomas, LCJ, rightly says that one can only touch on some of the decisions and issues raised in this collection and the chapters do repay careful reading. Why? Well, when you teach law it is always useful to have both the historic context and the general dates of when decisions are made.

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