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Judicial Review, August 2004 (CM 12.13).

Cal LRC

Emergency Rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act, June 2004 (R).

DCA (UK)

Asylum and Immigration Tribunal—Procedure Rule and Judicial Titles Order, October 2004 (CP 27/04).

Senate LCC

Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 2004, June 2004 (R).

WALC

State Administrative Tribunal Bill 2004, October 2004 (R).

VPLRC

Administration of Justice Offences, June 2004 (R).

Adoption

DCA (UK)

Draft Court Rules: Adoption and Children Act 2002—Domestic Adoption and Placement for Adoption, June 2004 (CP 20/04).

VLRC

Assisted reproductive technology and adoption—WIH on interim report for Autumn 2005.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child: The Rights and Best Interests of Children Conceived through Assisted Reproduction, August 2004 (Occasional Paper).

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Outcomes for Children Born of Assisted Reproductive Technology in a Diverse Range of Families, August 2004 (Occasional Paper).

Agriculture

NCCUSL

WIH on drafting Model Agricultural and Agricultural-Related Cooperatives Act—new draft available November 2004.

Air Law

Senate LCC

Provisions of the Civil Aviation Amendment (Relationship with Anti-Discrimination Legislation) Bill 2004, June 2004 (R).

Alternative Dispute Resolution
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Assisted Reproduction

NZLC

New Issues in Legal Parenthood, March 2004 (Preliminary Paper 54). WIH on report due December 2004.

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Associations

BCLI

The Personal Liability of Society Directors and Officers, July 2004 (Study Paper).

Cal LRC

Unincorporated Association Governance, September 2004 (R).

CMAC

Directors and Officers Insurance, June 2004 (R).

LRACNI

Unincorporated Associations, April 2004 (R 14).

NCCUSL

New Study Committee formed to consider regulation of charities, August 2004.

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Banking

Cal LRC

Ownership of Amounts Withdrawn from Joint Account, June 2004 (R).

LCC

Modernizing Canada's Secure Transactions Law: The Bank Act Security Provisions, October 2004 (R).

International informal banking—WIH on research study.

NSWLRC

Time Limits on Loans Payable on Demand, June 2004 (Draft Report). Report expected 2005.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency

AGD

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-avoidance and Other Measures) Bill 2004—Exposure Draft released May 2004. Deals particularly with interaction between bankruptcy and family law.

HoRLCA

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Biotechnology

ALRC

Genes and Ingenuity: Gene Patenting and Human Health, June 2004 (ALRC 99).

Children and Young People

DCA (UK)

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NIOLR

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Citizenship

Senate LCC

Inquiry into Australian expatriates—WIH on report due late 2004.

Commercial Law

Law Com

Company Security Interests, August 2004 (CP 176).

Scot Law Com

Registration in Rights of Security Granted by Companies, September 2004 (R 197).

Commissions of Inquiry

DCA (UK)

Effective Inquiries, May 2004 (CP).

ILRC

WIH on preparation of a report on public inquiries and tribunals of inquiries.

Compensation

Law Com

Compulsory purchase code—WIH on the second report dealing with procedure. due late 2004.

Computers

Sing LRRD

Proposed Legislative Framework for the Control of Email Spam, May 2004 (CP).

Constitutional Law

QLCARC

A Preamble for the Queensland Constitution?, June 2004 (IP) and November 2004 (R).

SALRC

Report on Repeal of the Black Administration Act, 2004 (R).

Consumer Protection

Law Com; Scot Law Com

Unfair contract terms—WIH on report for early 2005.

NCCUSL

WIH to draft Uniform Consumer Debt Counseling Act—new draft available October 2004.

TLRI

Vendor Disclosure, September 2004 (R 5).

Contracts

HKLRC

Privity of Contracts, June 2004 (CP).

JLC

The Law of Contract, February 2004 (Topic Report 10).

Law Com; Scot Law Com

Unfair contract terms—WIH on report for early 2005.

Nova Scotia LRC

Privity of Contract (Third Party Rights), August 2004 (R).

Scot Law Com

Interest on debts and damages—WIH on DP for early 2005.

Copyright

CLRC

WIH on a report on government ownership of copyright material, due March 2005.

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Corrections

ALRC

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Court Rules and Procedures

(see also Evidence, Juries)

ALRC

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Review of the Evidence Act 1995, December 2004 (IP 28).

ALRI

Motions and Orders, July 2004 (CM 12.10).

Enforcement of Judgments and Orders, August 2004 (CM 12.11).

Summary Disposition of Action, August 2004 (CM 12.12).

Judicial Review, August 2004 (CM 12.13).

Miscellaneous Issues (Rules of Court Project), October 2004 (CM 12.14).

WIH on further consultation papers for the Rules of Court Memoranda, expected late 2004.

WIH on report commenting on structure settlement provisions recently added to the Judicature Act.

Cal LRC

Civil Discovery: Statutory Clarification and Minor Substantive Improvements, June 2004 (R).

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Revision of the Uniform Conflict of Laws—Limitations Act: Study Committee Report, June 2004.

Nova Scotia LRC

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WIH on revision of Civil Procedure Rules.

NSWLRC

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Expert Witnesses, November 2004 (IP 25). Report due by March 2005.

NSWLCLJ

WIH on stage two of the review of the Criminal Procedure Amendment (Pre-Disclosure) Act 2001. Report due November 2004.

NZLC

WIH on inquiry into access to court records. Preliminary Paper due January 2005.

Reforming Criminal Pre-trial Processes, August 2004 (Preliminary Paper 55). Report due February 2005.

Entry, search and seizure—WIH on a report due December 2004.

Forfeiture and search warrants—WIH on report due May 2005.

NZMJ

Status Hearings Evaluation: A New Zealand Study of Pre-trial Hearings in Criminal Cases, July 2004 (R).

Review of Oaths and Affirmations, May 2004 (DP).

Civil Enforcement Fees: A Discussion Paper on Principles and Options, May 2004 (DP).

SALRC

Consolidated Legislation Pertaining to International Cooperation in Civil Matters, 2004 (DP 106).

Scot Law Com

Damages for Psychiatric Injury, August 2004 (R 196).

New inquiry on limitation in personal injury actions—WIH on discussion paper for late 2005.

Senate LCC

Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 2004, June 2004 (R).

Provisions of the National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004, August 2004 (R).

TLRI

Contempt of court—WIH on an issues paper due March/April 2005.

Offending While on Bail, May 2004 (Research Paper 1).

VPLRC

Administration of Justice Offences, June 2004 (R).

WALC

Establishment of a Magistrates Court and Civil Judgment Enforcement System. Magistrates Court Bill 2003, Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Bill 2003, September 2004 (R).

Courts

DCA (UK)

Civil Warrants Performance Indicators, September 2004 (CP 24/04).

ILRC

WIH on a report on the establishment of a Fiscal Prosecutor and Revenue Court, due for completion in late 2004.

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AGD

Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004—Exposure Draft Bill released September 2004.

HoRLCA

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ILC

Witness Identity Protection and Witness Protection Programs, 2004 (CP).

ILRC

WIH on consultation paper on legitimate defences in cases of homicide, expected to be completed late 2004.

Law Com

Partial Defences to Murder, August 2004 (R 290).

NIOLR

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NSWLRC

Apprehended Violence Orders, June 2004 (R 103).

NZLC

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QLRC

Privilege against self-incrimination—WIH on report expected to be completed November 2004.

SALRC

Stalking, September 2004 (DP 108).

Scot Law Com

Insanity and Diminished Responsibility, July 2004 (R 195).

New inquiry on rape and other sexual offences—WIH on Discussion Paper for 2005.

Senate LCC

Provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications and Other Offences) Bill (No 2) 2004, August 2004 (R).

TLRI

Driving causing death—WIH on issues paper due late 2004.

Corporate manslaughter—WIH on issues paper due late 2004.

Evidence of intoxication in criminal prosecutions—WIH on issues paper due late 2004.

Uniform Evidence Acts: warnings in sexual offences cases relating to delay in complaint—WIH on new inquiry related to ALRC and NSWLRC review of the uniform Evidence Acts.

VLRC

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Sexual Offences, July 2004 (R).

WALC

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Customary Law

LRCWA

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The Value of a Benchmarking Framework to the Reduction of Indigenous Disadvantage in the Law and Justice Area, June 2004 (BP 3).

Family Law and Customary Law, August 2004 (BP 4).

Aboriginal Customary Laws Reference: An Overview, September 2004 (BP 5).

LRDC Nam

Customary Law Marriages, 2004 (R).

SALRC

Report on the Customary Law of Succession, 2004 (R).

De Facto Relationships

ILRC

Rights and Duties of Cohabitees, April 2004 (CP).

NSWLRC

Relationships and the law—report expected 2005.

Death

QLRC

A Review of the Law Relating to the Disposal of a Dead Body, June 2004 (WP 58). Report due June 2006.

Debt

DCA (UK)

A Choice of Paths: Better Options to Manage Over-Indebtedness and Multiple Debt, July 2004 (CP 23/04).

NCCUSL

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Uniform Residential Mortgage Satisfaction Act—approved August 2004.

NSWLRC

People who guarantee other people's debts—report expected 2005.

Scot Law Com

Interest on debts and damages—WIH on DP for early 2005.

Defamation

Law Com

In the Public Interest: Publication of Local Authority Inquiry Reports, July 2004 (R 289).

SCAG

Proposal for Uniform Defamation Laws, July 2004 (Proposal Paper).

Designs, Patents and Trade Marks

ALRC

Genes and Ingenuity: Gene Patenting and Human Health, June 2004 (ALRC 99).

Discrimination

PC

Review of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, July 2004 (R).

SALRC

Report on Repeal of the Black Administration Act, 2004 (R).

Senate LCC

Provisions of the Civil Aviation Amendment (Relationship with Anti-Discrimination Legislation) Bill 2004, June 2004 (R).

Provisions of the Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004, May 2004 (R).

Provisions of the Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2003, April 2004 (R).

Dispute Resolution

Law Com

Report of Seminar on Housing Disputes Resolution, October 2004. Consultation Paper due early 2005.

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WIH on research study regarding the legal implications of arbitration tribunals to determine civil disputes pursuant to Islamic law, and in particular the impacts on Muslim women.

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QLRC

WIH on new inquiry into the Peace and Good Behaviour Act. Discussion paper expected late 2004.

TLRI

Forfeiture rule—WIH on final report.

VLRC

Family Violence, November 2004 (CP).

Elder Law

ALRI

Exemption of Future Income Plans, May 2004 (R 91).

Exemption of Future Income Plans on Death, May 2004 (R 92).

LCC

Age Distinctions in Insurance—Call for Research Proposals, May 2004.

Electoral System

DCA (UK)

Coordinated On-line Register of Electors, May 2004 (CP).

Electronic Commerce

NCCUSL

New Study Committee established to consider need for an E-Government Act, August 2004.

Sing LRRD

Review of the Electronic Transactions Act Stage Two, June 2004 (CP).

Emergency Services

WACDJC

Fire and emergency services legislation—WIH on inquiry.

Employment

LCC

Vulnerability at Work: Legal and Policy Issues in the New Economy, September 2004 (Research Paper). Discussion Paper due early 2005.

SALRC

Protected Disclosures, June 2004 (DP 107).

Evidence

ALRC

Keeping Secrets: The Protection of Classified and Security Sensitive Information, May 2004 (ALRC 98).

Review of the Evidence Act 1995, December 2004, (IP 28).

Cal LRC

Waiver of Privilege by Disclosure, June 2004 (Draft Recommendation).

WIH on a review to determine whether the California Evidence Code should be conformed to the Federal Rules of Evidence on points where they differ.

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Averment Provisions in Australian Customs Legislation, May 2004 (R).

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A New Approach to the Family Law System, November 2004 (DP).

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WIH on consultation memorandum on review of the Matrimonial Property Act.

DCA (UK)

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Financial agreements provisions of the Family Law Act—Letter of advice to be finalised late 2004.

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Kinship obligations and child-rearing practices in Indigenous communities—WIH on letter of advice.

Nature and application of the child's best interests principle—WIH on discussion paper for 2005.

Relocation cases—WIH on discussion paper for 2005.

Operation of Family Court contact orders and family law violence orders—WIH on letter of advice.

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LCC

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NCCUSL

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Guardian and Ward

HKLRC

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ILRC

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Man LRC

WIH on consideration of laws authorising substitution of consent for medical treatment.

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Leveraging Knowledge Assets: Reducing Uncertainty for Security Interests in Intellectual Property, May 2004 (R).

Judiciary

DCA (UK)

Increasing Diversity in the Judiciary, October 2004 (CP 25/04).

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NZMJ

Appointing Judges: A Judicial Appointments Commission for New Zealand?, April 2004 (CP).

Juries

NSWLRC

Blind or deaf jurors—WIH on a final report due late 2004.

New reference received on majority verdicts by juries.

Law Enforcement

LCC

The roles of public police and private security agencies—WIH on report expected early 2005.

NZLC

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QCMC

Handling Complaints against Queensland Police: Past, Present and Future, August 2004 (R).

TLRI

Consolidating powers of arrest—WIH on new inquiry, issues paper due 2005.

VPLRC

Warrant Powers and Procedures, July 2004 (DP).

Law Reform

DCA (UK)

Appointment of Law Commissioners, June 2004 (CP 14/04).

The Law Commission and Government: Working Together to Deliver the Benefits of Clear, Simple, Modern Law, June 2004 (R).

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Reform of the Law Reform Commission of Mauritius, July 2004 (R).

Legal Profession

SCAG

Legal Profession—Model Law Project: Model Provisions, 2004.

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DCA (UK)

Legal and Advice Services: A Pathway to Regeneration, May 2004 (R).

Making Simple Conditional Fee Agreements a Reality, June 2004 (CP 22/04).

Findings and Recommendations of the Independent Review of the Community Legal Service, June 2004 (CP 21/04)

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NSWLRC

Review of the Community Justice Centres Act—report expected 2005.

Senate LCC

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HKLRC

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Mental Health

Scot Law Com

Insanity and Diminished Responsibility, July 2004 (R 195).

Damages for Psychiatric Injury, August 2004 (R 196).

Negligence and Liability

NSWLCLJ

Review of the Exercise of the Functions of the Motor Accidents Authority and the Motor Accidents Council—Fifth Report, April 2004.

Work to commence in late 2004 on the sixth review of the exercise of the functions of the Motor Accidents Authority and the Motor Accidents Council.

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Enduring Powers of Attorney: Areas for Reform, April 2004 (CP).

NCCUSL

WIH to revise Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act—new draft available October 2004.

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Cal LRC

Financial Privacy, April 2004 (Tentative Recommendation).

NSWLRC

Surveillance—report expected 2005.

NZLC

Intimate Covert Filming, June 2004 (Study Paper).

Senate LCC

Provisions of the Surveillance Devices Bill 2004, May 2004 (R).

VLRC

Workplace Privacy, September 2004 (Options Paper). Report expected Autumn 2005.

Public Order

QLRC

WIH on new inquiry into the Peace and Good Behaviour Act. Discussion paper expected late 2004.

Real Property

ALRI; Man LRC; Sask LRC

WIH on consultation paper on regulation of private title insurers.

BCLI

Leases of Unsubdivided Land and the Top Line Case, October 2004 (CP).

Cal LRC

State Assistance to Common Interest Developments, September 2004 (Tentative Recommendation).

Preemption of CID Architectural Restrictions, September 2004 (Tentative Recommendation).

ILRC

Reform and Modernisation of Land Law and Conveyancing Law, October 2004 (CP).

Law Com

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LRACNI

Leasehold Covenants in Restraint of Alienation, March 2004 (DP 11).

NCCUSL

WIH on drafting Uniform Certificate of Title Act—new draft available October 2004.

Scot Law Com

Land registration—WIH on second discussion paper for early 2005.

Conversion of long leases—WIH on report for 2005.

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Religion

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Private security industry—WIH on review of Private Agents Act.

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WIH on inquiry into community based sentencing options. Report due July 2005.

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Inquiry into Sexual Assault Conviction Rates, March 2004 (IP).

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Abbreviations

AGD	Australia. Attorney-General's Department
AGD (NSW)	New South Wales. Attorney General's Department
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission
ALRI	Alberta Law Reform Institute
ARC	Australia. Administrative Review Council
BCLI	British Columbia Law Institute
BP	Background Paper
Cal LRC	Californian Law Revision Commission
CLRC	Australia. Copyright Law Review Committee
CM	Consultation Memorandum
CMAC	Australia. Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee
CP	Consultation Paper
DCA (UK)	United Kingdom. Department of Constitutional Affairs
DP	Discussion Paper
FLC	Australia. Family Law Council
HKLRC	Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
HoRLCA	Australia. House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
ILC	Law Commission of India
ILRC	Ireland. Law Reform Commission
IP	Issues Paper
JLC	Jersey Law Commission
Law Com	England and Wales. Law Commission
LCC	Law Commission of Canada
LRACNI	Law Reform Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland
LRC Maur	Law Reform Commission of Mauritius
LRCWA	Law Reform Commission of Western Australia
LRDC Nam	Law Reform and Development Commission of Namibia
Man LRC	Manitoba Law Reform Commission
NCCUSL	United States. National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
NIOLR	Northern Ireland. Office of Law Reform

Nova Scotia LRC	Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission
NSWLRC	New South Wales Law Reform Commission
NSWLCLJ	New South Wales. Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law & Justice
NZLC	New Zealand Law Commission
NZMJ	New Zealand. Ministry of Justice
PC	Australia. Productivity Commission
QCMC	Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission
QLCARC	Queensland Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
QLRC	Queensland Law Reform Commission
R	Report
SALRC	South African Law Reform Commission
Sask LRC	Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission
SAustLRC	South Australia. Legislative Review Committee
SCAG	Australia. Standing Committee of Attorneys-General
Scot Law Com	Scottish Law Commission
Senate LCC	Australia. Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
Sing LRRD	Singapore Law Reform and Revision Division
TLRI	Tasmania Law Reform Institute
VLRC	Victorian Law Reform Commission
VMJ	Victoria. Ministry for Justice
VPLRC	Victoria. Parliament. Law Reform Committee
WACDJC	Western Australia. Legislative Assembly Community Development and Justice Committee
WALC	Western Australia. Legislative Council Legislation Committee
WIH	Work In Hand