

About the Editors

Dr Kate Fitz-Gibbon is a Lecturer in Criminology in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Deakin University. Dr Fitz-Gibbon's research examines legal responses to lethal violence, the law of homicide and the impact of homicide and sentencing law reform across Australian and international jurisdictions. This research has been undertaken with a key focus on gender and justice. Dr Fitz-Gibbon has published on the operation and impact of homicide law in leading criminology and law journals, and has presented the findings of her research at national and international conferences. She has also advised on homicide law reform reviews in several Australian jurisdictions.

Arie Freiberg AM is an Emeritus Professor at Monash University and Chair of the Victorian and Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Councils. Professor Freiberg's areas of expertise are sentencing and the administration of criminal justice. He is the recognised leading expert in Australia on sentencing and sentencing reform. Professor Freiberg's research has been published in more than 130 publications in a range of areas related to criminal law, sentencing practices, criminology and the administration and reform of criminal justice.

Notes on Contributors

Rob Hulls is the Former Victorian Attorney-General, Deputy Premier and the Director of the Centre for Innovative Justice at RMIT University. As Attorney-General, Mr Hulls instigated significant changes to Victoria's legal system which saw the establishment of the State's first Charter of Human Rights and reform to Victoria's Upper House. Mr Hulls also oversaw the introduction of the 2005 homicide law reforms, which at the time were the largest package of reforms to homicide laws since the abolition of the death penalty. In October 2012 Mr Hulls was appointed Adjunct Professor at RMIT and was invited to establish the new Centre for Innovative Justice as its inaugural Director.

Justice Marcia Neave AO has been a justice of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Victoria since 2006. She was previously Chair of the Victorian Law Reform Commission, during which time she led the Commission's review of the defences to murder in Victoria and recommendations for reform of the law of homicide. Justice Neave was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in 1999 in recognition of her contribution to the law. In 2015 Justice Neave was appointed Commissioner of the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Judge Felicity Hampel SC was appointed to the County Court of Victoria in 2005. In July 2010 she was also appointed as a Vice President of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Judge Hampel is an Adjunct Professor at Monash University, a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, a member of the Board of the Australian Advocacy Institute, a trustee of the Alan Missen Trust, and an Advisory Board member of the Institute of Legal Studies at Australian Catholic University. Judge Hampel was a part-time Commissioner of the Victorian Law Reform Commission for 11 years, retiring in June 2012.

Professor Jenny Morgan is a leading Australian legal scholar on criminal law and feminist legal theory. Her research in the field of gender and the law has made a ground-breaking and substantial contribution to feminist legal theory. Between 2002 and 2005 Professor Morgan was a member of the Victorian Law Reform Commission's Advisory Committee on the Homicide Reference, and a Consultant to the Commission, where she had substantial input into the policy considerations of the Commission. Professor Morgan also served as a Commissioner on the ALRC's reference on Equality and from 1994 to 2013 was a board member of the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council.

Dr Karen Gelb is a Consultant Criminologist whose work focuses on providing expert research, analysis and writing in criminology, criminal justice and related fields. She is also a part-time Research Fellow with the Justice Research Group at the University of Western Sydney, where she works on a range of research, such as studies of jurors' interactions and use of technology. Dr Gelb spent 13 years in State and federal government in Melbourne, Australia. She spent eight years as the Senior Criminologist for

the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council, conducting original research, undertaking complex policy analysis and writing more than 20 research reports and articles on public opinion about sentencing, mandatory sentencing, recidivism, gender and other issues. Dr Gelb also works as a Lecturer for the University of Melbourne's Department of Criminology, teaching a Master's level course on sentencing, and is undertaking research for the University of Tasmania on perceptions of sentencing for sex offences. Karen received her PhD in Criminology from New York University in 1999 and her Master's in Criminology from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1993.

Felicity Stewart is the Manager of Legal Policy and Community Engagement at the Sentencing Advisory Council. She has authored numerous publications on issues such as provocation as a sentencing factor in homicide cases, post-sentence supervision and detention of high-risk offenders, the role of maximum penalties, current sentencing practices for aggravated burglary, and most recently on the imposition and enforcement of court fines and infringement penalties. Ms Stewart has more than 15 years' experience in criminal law and sentencing. Her previous roles include positions at the Supreme Court of Victoria, the High Court of Justiciary in Scotland, and as an advocate in the Criminal Law Division of Victoria Legal Aid. With Professor Arie Freiberg, she has written extensively on the treatment of provocation in sentencing following its abolition as a partial defence.

Professor Heather Douglas is a Professor at the TC Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland. She teaches and researches in the area of criminal law and also has research interests in the legal response to domestic and family violence and child protection. Professor Douglas is a co-editor with Francesca Bartlett, Trish Luker and Rosemary Hunter of *The Australian Feminist Judgments Project: Righting and re-writing law*, a collection of feminist judgments and commentaries which investigate the possibilities, limits and implications of a feminist approach to legal decision-making. Professor Douglas co-authored, with Mark Finnane, *Indigenous Crime and Settler Law: White sovereignty after empire* (Palgrave, 2012). From 2000 to 2007 she was a commissioner with the Queensland Law Reform Commission. Professor Douglas is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and a member of the executive of the *Law & Justice Institute (Qld) Inc.*

Dr Danielle Tyson is a Lecturer in Criminology in the School of Social Sciences at Monash University. Dr Tyson's current research projects examine: legal responses to domestic homicide; filicide; and gender, technology and youth. Dr Tyson is the author of *Sex, Culpability and the Defence of Provocation* (Routledge, 2013), which was short-listed for the Hart Socio-Legal Book prize in 2013. Dr Tyson co-convened the first international conference 'Addressing Filicide' at the Monash Centre in Prato, Italy, in 2013 (with Thea Brown). Dr Tyson co-authored the 2013 Discussion Paper with Debbie Kirkwood and Mandy McKenzie, DVRCV, *Justice or Judgment? The impact of the Victorian law reforms on responses to women who kill intimate partners*. Dr Tyson is one of four researchers (Associate Professor Bronwyn Naylor, Dr Debbie Kirkwood and Mandy McKenzie) who received a major grant in 2013 from the Legal Services Board Victoria to continue their research on the impact of the Victorian reforms on domestic homicides.

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Dr Debbie Kirkwood is a researcher at the Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria (DVRCV). DVRCV is a State-wide service that produces resources and provides training and advocacy on family violence related topics. Debbie has worked in policy/research positions for the Federation of Community Legal Centres and Victorian Community Council Against Violence (Department of Justice). Currently Debbie is working on a collaborative research project examining the defences to homicide in Victoria since substantial reforms in 2005, particularly in relation to the introduction of defensive homicide, with a focus on outcomes for women who kill an intimate partner.

Associate Professor Bronwyn Naylor practised as a solicitor before joining the Law Reform Commission of Victoria, and then taking up a position in the Law Faculty at Monash University. Her research interests include criminal law, criminal justice and corrections, and law and gender.

Professor Elizabeth Sheehy is a leading Canadian scholar of criminal law and legal responses to male violence against women based at University of Ottawa. Professor Sheehy is involved in many other law reform activities around equality rights and social justice issues: she has worked in a consultative capacity with the Department of Justice on the reform of criminal law (Preliminary Inquiries, Provocation, Self-Defence, Extreme Intoxication, Disclosure of Women's Confidential Records). In addition to her many articles, position papers and book chapters on criminal law issues as they affect women and racialised persons, she has published several edited collections. Her latest book uses trial transcripts to expose the many legal and practical challenges facing battered women on trial for the murder of their abusive male partners.

Associate Professor Julia Tolmie is an international scholar of criminal law, family law and women and the law based at University of Auckland. She has served as chair of the Family Violence Death Review Committee since December 2011 and recently served as a member of the New Zealand Government's Expert Advisory Group on Family Violence. She has been the editor of the Law School's alumni magazine – *Eden Crescent* – since 2003 and has served on the editorial board of the *Sydney Law Review* and *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* in the past. Before her appointment at the University of Auckland she lectured in the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney for 10 years. She has published and delivered conference papers around the world on a wide range of subjects within the general areas of criminal law and family law, with a particular focus on the impact of the law on women's lives.

Professor Julie Stubbs is a world expert on domestic violence, legal responses to violence against women and homicide law based at University of New South Wales. She is currently an adviser to VicHealth on violence against women, and has been a member of the NSW Advisory Panel on Domestic and Family Homicides, the NSW Criminal Justice Sexual Assault Taskforce and the Corrective Services NSW Institutional Ethics Committee. She has undertaken consultancy research for Legal Aid NSW and several criminal justice agencies.

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