

FOREWORD

Welcoming a New Edition of Cork Online Law Review

I am very conscious that I am following a number of illustrious predecessors, including the former Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ronan Keane, and my colleague Mrs Justice Susan Denham.

As President of the Law Reform Commission, however, I have become particularly aware of the significant role now played by information technology both in the dissemination of legal knowledge and in the modernisation and reform of the law itself. Developments in information technology have also enabled wider studies of comparative legal systems in other jurisdictions. All of this contributes enormously to the statutory task of the Law Reform Commission in undertaking examinations and conducting research with a view to formulating proposals for law reform.

Commentary, analysis and informed criticism such as are published in the Cork Online Law Review also play an essential role in keeping the law under review and promoting reform. As was pointed out by Chief Justice Keane in his Foreword to the first edition of the Cork Online Law Review, the established tradition of the “Law Review” is of high importance for the future of legal education and of the law itself. It is good to see that in the continuing success of the Cork Online Law Review both that tradition and the modern medium of information technology are united. I congratulate all those involved in the production of this new edition.

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