



SUMMER WORK FOR ENTRANTS IN LAW AND LAW WITH LAW STUDIES IN EUROPE

Each year we ask incoming undergraduates to write an essay and undertake other preparatory work over the summer vacation prior to their arrival at Queen's in October. This is intended to serve as an introduction to the material that is studied in the first two terms at Oxford.

A. Essay

Refer to the attached case reports and write an answer to the following question:

Explain the arguments of domestic law used by Lord Slynn, Lord Hoffmann, and Lord Cooke to justify their conclusion that the Chief Constable had not acted unlawfully in *R. v. Chief Constable of Sussex, ex parte International Traders Ferry* [1999] 2 A.C. 418. How would you reconcile this decision with the earlier decision of the Divisional Court in *R. v. Coventry City Council, ex parte Phoenix Aviation* [1995] C.L.C. 757? (Please ignore arguments based on E.U. law and proportionality when writing this answer.)

Write an answer of 2,500 words in length, making reference to (and, where appropriate, quoting from) the judgments in the two cases, which are attached.

Please send your completed answers to this question by email to Mr. Joe Johnson (joseph.johnson@queens.ox.ac.uk) by 28th September 2019.

B. Further preparatory work

In addition to the above, please read the following before you arrive at Oxford:

1. G Williams, *Learning the Law*, 16th edition (Sweet and Maxwell 2016), Chapters 1-9

This book will introduce you to the structure of the courts, the roles of cases and statutes, and the techniques of legal scholarship.

2. A Simester et al, *Simester & Sullivan's Criminal Law: Theory and Doctrine*, 7th edition (Hart 2019), Chapters 1-3, Chapter 16

These chapters introduce some general aspects of criminal law, which is one of the courses you will study in your first term. The following concepts and issues will come up throughout the course and you will have plenty of time to deepen your understanding, but it will help immensely to devote some attention to them now.

It is important that you should be able to define and use correctly the following concepts:

- The ECHR rights that have implications for criminal law
- The merits of codifying the criminal law
- The concept of autonomy
- The welfare principle
- The harm principle

- Proportionality
- Non-retroactivity, maximum certainty and the rule of law
- Burdens of proof and the presumption of innocence
- The principle of fair labelling

Please note an important complication here. This will be your primary textbook for criminal law, so you will need to buy a copy. (You can apply for a college book grant towards the cost so keep hold of your receipt.) However, the new edition (the 7th) is not available until 22 August (and these dates do tend to get put back). It is important that you don't waste money on an outdated edition, so check that you are purchasing the right one.

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