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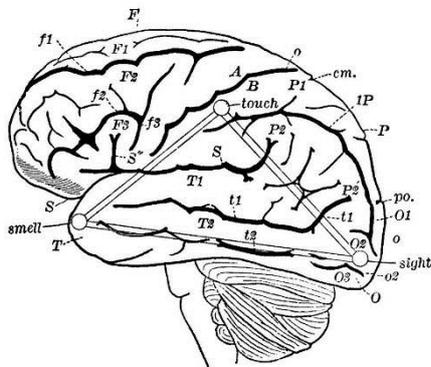
Joint Enterprise Reform at the University of Sheffield



Law Commission competition winners Elliot Booth and Jessica Low explore the result of the R v Jogee [2016]. You can read their competition winning report here: [download](#).

7 May 2016

The 'Minefield' of Memory



The 'Minefield' of Memory by Lorna Tansley In her 2013 Ted Talk about the reliability of memory, American cognitive scientist and human memory expert Elizabeth Loftus[1], stated that "memory, like liberty, is a fragile thing".[2] This statement recognises the vast potential for miscarriages of justice where a person's guilt has been decided, based upon the subjective memory of another. This article will briefly address the dangers of the presumed reliability of memory, while focusing particularly upon the area of historical abuse claims, where psychological phenomena such as 'recovered memory' continue...

15 April 2016

Cardiff: Innocence 10 Conference



On the 15th-16th of April, Cardiff University Law School Innocence Project will be hosting Innocence 10, a conference to mark 10 years of the Innocence Project at the School. The day will include lectures and workshops to provide information and training to students working on their respective cases and will be a meeting of many innocence projects from around the country.

12 April 2016

The Mutual Benefits of Student-lawyer Collaboration and Legal Aid

University of Sheffield



**Miscarriages
of Justice
Review Centre**

Chloe Bennett and Natasha Jacques, final year law students at the University of Sheffield and who work at the Miscarriages of Justice Review centre, explore the mutual benefits of student-lawyer collaboration in the context of legal aid. Both students attended the 'Making Appeals Work Pay' seminar at Garden Court North Chambers in Manchester in March 2016. 'Making Appeals Work Pay', an insightful seminar held at Garden Court North Chambers in Manchester, emphasised to us the importance of pro bono work in criminal appeals cases. Applying for Legal Aid, since the...

14 March 2016

Law Commission Winning Report 2015 – “A meeting of minds: denouncing ‘parasitic liability’ in joint enterprise”

A meeting of minds: denouncing ‘parasitic liability’ in joint enterprise

This report will focus on the common law doctrine of joint enterprise and discuss how the current English legal system is in the state of a “dog’s breakfast”¹ because of this heinous law. It will describe how joint enterprise has become a specific weapon used by criminal justice system agents i.e. the police and the courts to target both “political protest and ‘gang’ violence”.² It will also explore social, legal and economic implications that have risen as a result of that process. The report will conclude by examining possible reforms, whom some consider are long overdue³, as well as potential outcomes these reforms could have on the legal system.

A group of students from the Miscarriages of Justice Review Centre at the University of Sheffield won the Law Commission’s Law Reform Competition 2015. You can read their winning report on the reform of joint enterprise [here](#).

24 November 2015

Students from the Miscarriages of Justice Review Centre attend the R v Jogee appeal hearing



On Tuesday 27th October Dr Andrew Green along with four members from the University of Sheffield’s Miscarriages of Justice Review Centre attended the Supreme Court in London to hear the murder appeal in the case of R v Jogee. There they heard submissions on the most controversial area of criminal law of our time – Joint Enterprise. Nicola Campbell, LLB (Hons) Law (European and International) shares her experience of the day... Anyone who has learned about or is familiar with the law on joint enterprise will be fully aware of the controversy surrounding this...

11 October 2015

United Against Injustice Conference 2015: The Importance of Student-led Projects and Miscarriages of Justice



In light of the proposed cuts to legal aid, James Cairns, a graduate from the University of Sheffield, explores the importance of student led projects and ways in which students can make a difference to the lives of the wrongfully convicted in the UK.

25 March 2015

London: Not the Global Law Summit 2015



On Monday the 22nd of February, Chris and I travelled down to London to represent Sheffield University's Miscarriages of Justice Review Centre (MJRC) at the 'Not the Global Law Summit', a counter-campaign which sought to illustrate the hypocrisy behind the Justice Secretary's Global Law Summit event. Chris Grayling's corporate knees-up took place between the 23rd to the 25th of February, seeking to "explore what the future holds for global business and the rule of law". Such an event was designed to coincide with the 800th anniversary of the signing of...