

The Law And Social Work Contemporary Issues For Practice

How do social workers in the UK legal context act ethically? What do we understand by ethics and how does social work law relate to it? Social work practice in all countries incorporates a clear, unstinting commitment to social justice, but what is social justice? Using an applied, practice-based and refreshingly 'real' approach, this text bridges the gap between law and ethics. Each chapter opens with a case study which considers ethical dilemmas in real life practice. Chapters have been designed to help students strengthen their critical reflection skills, encouraging consideration of the legal and ethical dimensions of social work generally and in personal practice. Topics such as care proceedings, adoption, community care, youth justice, mental capacity and accountability explore how understanding and application are equally important.

Many social work students find the study of mental health legislation a complex and at times challenging process. Acts of law can seem irrelevant and far-removed from everyday practice and the person-centred approach that many social workers take. This book introduces students to the fundamental principles of mental health law and how they can be applied to everyday practice. There are clear introductions to key Acts such as the Mental Capacity Act and the Mental Health Act as well as the relevant Codes of Practice.

These introductions, applied to social work case examples from practice, make this book a perfect key text for the social work law module. Students will see that mental health law doesn't exist in a vacuum and instead develops and evolves through constant interaction with the fundamental principles of sound social work practice.

Puzzled by terminology, skills, law, or theory? Revising for your placement or exam? Then look no further! This series of concise and easy-to-use A-Zs will be your guide.

Designed for both students and newly-qualified social workers, this book will introduce you to over 300 key laws, legal terms, and legal processes in a concise and no-nonsense way. It covers all areas of social work practice - adults, children and families, mental health, and youth justice - ensuring you have the knowledge you need to apply the law appropriately, ethically and with confidence.

"Social workers are frequently called to testify as experts in courts of law on a variety of subjects. Courts rely on information offered in evidence as the basis for decisions rendered, and oral testimony by witnesses is often the major source of evidence provided at a trial. Witnesses who testify as experts play a critical role in interpreting data, explaining complex material, and drawing informed inferences on the basis of their training and experience. Answering specific legal issues in particular jurisdictions often requires review of layers of applicable local, state, or federal laws that apply to a case. Although this law note is not intended to be a substitute for legal consultation regarding specific issues that affect social workers' expert testimony in a particular case, many examples are discussed, and social workers who do testify, or may be called to testify, as experts will want to have this volume ready to hand." -- Publisher website.

A unique and practical book for lawyers, social workers and social work students in Northern Ireland. Covering all areas of the law relating to social work practice, this title advises and guides, and clearly presents the vital legislative information in a clear and userfriendly style. Comprehensive and fully cross-referenced, Northern Ireland Social Work Law is an essential book for busy legal practitioners and health care professionals alike. Contents: Introduction to the Legal System Accountability; Litigation and the Trial Process Equality Law Criminal Justice System Child Protection Children's Services Adoption and Fostering Law of Relationship Breakdown Community Care Law Mental Health Law

A core function of social work is to assist, empower, and protect the most vulnerable in society. Social workers make difficult decisions in complex and challenging situations every day. They work in organizations that have clear statutory duties. Therefore, it is essential that social work students know what their responsibilities are. Familiarity with law, legislation, and legal processes is consequently fundamental to sound social work practice. This best-selling book helps social work students gain this foothold in understanding law as it applies to social work practice. It avoids complicated legal jargon remote from the everyday realities of practice, offering instead a grounding in legally-appropriate, rights-based social work. It covers the full range of social work law, including services for children and families and child protection, adult care law, youth justice, court work, professional regulation, and human rights.

An invaluable resource for all social workers in practice with children and families, this book examines key issues such as child protection, family support, care planning, adoption and case preparation for court. With illustrative case studies throughout, the text is divided into two sections: " Part 1 explores the legal context of social work practice with children, examining how international human rights standards are absorbed within domestic law. " Part 2 explores the application of the law, policies and systems to individual case work, illustrating rights-based thinking in practice. Accessible to those without a background in law, the book highlights links between social work standards and legal values and rules. With promotion of the rights of children and families a measure of professional competence and legal obligation, the book helps readers satisfy social work standards and use their knowledge of the law to improve their practice. The book is vital reading for all levels of social work student, including those undertaking the post-qualifying award in child care, as well as being an indispensable resource for practitioners working with children and families. Jane Williams is a lecturer in law at the University of Swansea. She specialises in social work law, and children's rights. Other publications include Children and Citizenship (SAGE, 2007), co-edited with Antonella Invernizzi.

Since the third edition of Practising Social Work Law published in 2010, new legislation – such as the Care Act 2014, the Equality Act 2010, and the Children and Families Act 2014 – has had a significant impact on the social work profession. Practitioners must not only know the law; they must also have a critical appreciation of its implications for human rights, civil liberties and

social justice. They must exercise their powers and duties in ways underpinned by professional ethics, in a context of severe resource constraint and under constant public and political scrutiny. Now going into its fourth edition, *Practising Social Work Law* seeks to build social workers' confidence in legal interpretation and implementation. It focuses on promoting practitioners' knowledge and skills in recognising, locating and articulating legal issues, and using the law to inform practice standards and deliver positive outcomes for service users. This timely, fully revised new edition of this well-respected text combines up-to-date statute, case law and guidance with extended practice examples and questions for reflection, making it an invaluable resource for students, practitioners and educators alike.

This book addresses this relationship between the professions of social work and law and helps social workers develop the knowledge necessary to practice in a legal environment. The author focuses on how the law affects the day-to-day practice of social work; the creation, administration, and operation of social service agencies; and the ways in which social workers and attorneys collaborate to serve the public.

Tracing the origin of work with the 'impotent poor' under the Poor Laws, to social workers' current responsibilities towards vulnerable people, this book introduces the reader to the way in which the identification of particular social problems at the end of the nineteenth century led to the emergence of a wide range of separate occupational groups and voluntary workers, which were sometimes, but increasingly, referred to as social workers. Using an extended single chronological historical narrative and analysis, which draws heavily on original archival sources and contemporary literature, it addresses the changes which took place as part of the welfare state and the identification of common roles and responsibilities by social workers, which led to the formation of the British Association of Social Workers in 1970. By highlighting the changes and continuities in these roles and responsibilities, this book will be of interest to all academics, students, and practitioners working within social work, who wish to know more about the origins of their discipline and the current state of the profession today.

The new edition has been thoroughly revised and updated to incorporate the significant amount of new legislation governing this field, including the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995, Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Act 1995, Education Act 1996, Community Care (Direct payments) Act 1996, Housing Act 1996, Family Law Act 1996 and the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

This book explores the main areas of social work law, including children, mental health and community care. By investigating the meaning of law and some of its underlying value assumptions, it encourages practitioners to reflect on their actions and beliefs, helping them to avoid being a mere 'technician', and instead, become a competent practitioner. This new text supports busy social workers studying for Post-Qualifying Awards. Each chapter begins with an overview of the rationale for the teaching material provided and sets out clear learning objectives. Case studies, exercises and recommendations for further reading can be found throughout the book.

This highly practical text surveys the myriad legal and ethical issues that social workers encounter both in daily practice and under special circumstances. Its initial section presents concepts in law and ethics that unite practitioners, researchers, and academics in the field, such as confidentiality, informed consent, and the interplay between social work and administrative and judicial systems. A selection of representative cases illustrates legal aspects involved in providing services to families, children, elders, and persons with disabilities. Also included are chapters on advocacy in social work, both in its potential to influence policy and on the global stage as part of the ongoing struggle for human rights and dignity. Among the topics covered: Confidentiality and the social worker-client relationship Liability issues for social workers in the clinical context Legal issues arising in the context of social work research The social worker and forensic social work Social worker involvement in access to school and school services Social work in the context of health care Legal issues working with immigrants, refugees, and asylees The interface between social work and human rights Legal Issues in Social Work Practice and Research is an interdisciplinary text aimed at social work, mental health, and legal professionals. It enhances the power of social work as an integrative system to support clients' rights and agency.

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This completely rewritten and updated new edition of a practical text continues to provide a firm introduction to law and legal processes and their relation to social work practice. Using Clinton's welfare reform act of 1996, Albert provides a conceptual framework to illustrate how socio-legal problems emerge in the welfare state, and presents the skills base necessary for effective social work response. A new section on socio-legal issues highlights many fields where social worker-lawyer partnerships can occur, such as civil rights and advocacy, the death penalty, liability for neglect in nursing homes, informed consent and medical treatment, and much more. Filled with techniques for reading and understanding judicial opinion, legislative statutes, and bills, this new edition will appeal to all professors of law and social work courses, as well as courses on the welfare state.

Currently there is an enduring and changing meaning of social work in a world where new crises are being confronted and new opportunities are arriving in the evolving context of social work and the related disciplines. There is a question on how to manage the transformation of social work both productively and creatively during this global shift. Practitioners and educators can experience a tragic disorientation when confronted by the diversity and depth of these crises endured and can face doubts about their role in social work throughout all these changes and difficult situations. Alternatives to this disorientation, a comfort with uncertainty, and a capability to take risks need to urgently be developed on a professional and personal level for success in the evolving field. Through historical lens and a review of policies and value-based approaches, the recontextualization of social work can be explored. *Practical and Political Approaches to Recontextualizing Social Work* explores practical and political ways in which social work practice has been reconstructed. Chapters identify this recontextualization of social work and how it is changing, adapting, and transforming the profession along with providing the potential implications for the profession. This book grants insight on the reconstruction of social work on the personal and interpersonal level ("case" work) and also on those intending to impact social work on the local/global environment level in all dimensions: politically, economically, socially, and ecologically. In addition, the book includes a shift from the present short-term and micro/personal view to a future and much broader and encompassing perspective and practice vision. This book is essential for social workers, practitioners, policymakers, government officials, researchers, academicians, and students who want to learn more about the recontextualizing of modern social work in a shifting global environment.

Although morbidity among HIV/AIDS victims has decreased, the rate of new infections has remained steady for several years, substantially increasing the likelihood that this epidemic will continue and expand as a concern for social workers and their clientele, both of whom will need to be kept informed of the complex laws governing the milieu and the consequences of the disease. This is certainly the case with its

spread throughout Asia and Africa. In this new work, the author draws upon statutes and court decisions from across the United States to provide a comprehensive and current picture of the many facets of HIV/AIDS law, including health policy; confidentiality; privacy; bioethics; the workplace; and criminal law and corrections. The volume of legal, medical, social science, and popular literature pertaining to HIV/AIDS that has been published over the past two decades is staggering. Hence, any addition to this collection needs some justification. What Dickson offers is different from what has preceded. Rather than one more contribution to the extensive legal or social science literature, this book attempts to integrate the perspectives from two fields: law and social work. The hope is that this will give social workers, practitioners, and teachers a better understanding of one of the major issues that may face them in their work with patients and clients every day. To date, although there is extensive HIV and AIDS-related literature in social work and the social sciences, it is primarily focused on social work practice issues. Where law has been introduced in these works, it often is narrow in focus and, given the rapid changes in the field, no longer up to date. This book does not purport to discuss all legal issues in all jurisdictions relating to HIV/AIDS, but rather to choose selectively those that have particular relevance for social work and social policy. The author has placed reliance on those published medical works cited with approval in the legal and

"Provides social workers with key legal and policy issues specific to the state of Texas, including statutes (up through the 83rd Texas Legislative Session), case law, Attorney General Opinions and Open Records Opinions, the Social Work Practice Act, and the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. Fourth edition"--

Law and ethics are two vital aspects of social work – all social workers need to practise according to the law and their codes of ethics and conduct. However, the relationship between the law and social work values and ethics is not without its tensions and this book takes a problem-based approach to explore the dilemmas and challenges that can arise. The first part of the book sets out frameworks for thinking about the law and ethics, and how they relate to social work. It also introduces some of the big philosophical and sociological questions about the purposes of law and of ethics and how they relate to society more generally. In the second part, the book explores a series of areas where profound dilemmas arise – such as end-of-life decisions, respecting peoples' choices but ensuring their safety and that of others, responsibility and blame, making allowance for different cultural traditions and breaking confidentiality. In each of the problem-based chapters, this accessible text: outlines the relevant law discusses court judgments in leading cases considers the implications of different ethical frameworks pulls out key ethical questions and challenges for social work. Social Work, Law and Ethics highlights what the law says and what it offers, what ethical principles are at stake, and what these imply for social work policy and practice. In this way, it uses real-life scenarios to analyse the dynamic interactions of social work, law and ethics. It is essential reading for all social work students.

Are you a social work student looking to understand how the law, ethics and social policy interrelate in practice? Then look no further! Whether you a student or Newly Qualified Social Worker working with children and families or adults at risk of harm, this practical guide will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to fulfil your professional responsibilities and practice with confidence. This book covers all the areas of law you need to know: social work with children and families, vulnerable adults and social issues such as welfare and homelessness. Each section concludes with a discussion of how social policy and ethics relate to each area of social work law. This gives real-world context to what you have learnt, alongside thought boxes, exercises and case studies in each chapter to further encourage reflection and put theory into practice.

Helping social workers understand how to operate within the complex legal environment. Social Work and Law exposes students to the ways in which social work and law intersect. Students will explore the judiciary's contributions to important social policy issues and the knowledge social workers need to effectively participate in the judicial process. An introductory unit presents basic legal concepts, describes the workings of the court system, and shares strategies for avoiding malpractice. The units that follow cover a variety of topics to give instructor's options for their course and allow students to study their interests. These topics include issues related to children, domestic violence, older adults, the death penalty, health, discrimination, LGBT rights, and the rights of students and immigrants. Upon completing this book readers will be able to: Understand how social workers operate within the complex legal environment Identify the role of law in shaping human experience and explore how competent social work practice can influence legal processes and outcomes Examine how law and social work intersect in relation to particular populations and fields of practice Assess the conformity of judicial decisions with social work values and ethics, while understanding the underpinnings of judicial decisions and why they might differ from social work decision-making Distinguish between case law and statutory law, understand the role of each, and recognize how their dynamic interaction contributes to the development of social policy Note: MySearchLab does not come automatically packaged with this text. To purchase MySearchLab, please visit: www.mysearchlab.com or you can purchase a ValuePack of the text + MySearchLab (at no additional cost): ValuePack ISBN-10: 0205223508 / ValuePack ISBN-13: 9780205223503.

Effective social work practice relies on good understanding of the law along with the skills to use this knowledge well. This essential reader provides a wide-ranging thematic account of social work practice in Scotland, making critical links between concepts, the contexts of practice and first-hand experiences of Scottish social work law. Reflecting the pace of change in the law since the previous edition, the book combines fully updated chapters by some of the original authors, with newly commissioned pieces. Written by leading academics and practitioners in the field, it captures key developments in Scottish legislation and the implications for practitioners, covering important subjects such as: ? Service user and carer rights ? Legal and social work values ? Accountability ? Effective assessment ? Safeguarding, risk and protection ? Youth and adult criminal justice ? Partnership, participation and advocacy ? Delivery of personalised services. Social Work and the Law in Scotland is core reading for all those undertaking academic study or professional practice within the field. It is also a key resource for anyone looking to update their knowledge on the nature and development of the ever-evolving legislative landscape of Scotland.

This book draws upon the Colorado Model of Criminal Defense-Based Forensic Social Work – a holistic, client-centered, collaborative approach that uses a trauma-informed care framework – to outline the numerous roles and skills of a forensic social worker. The comprehensive, developmentally informed model employs a past (e.g., mitigation themes and life history compilation), present (e.g., client contact and current functioning support), and future (e.g., reentry services) framework to provide mitigation narratives for defendants and to create a comprehensive approach to service. The text starts with an overview of practice standards, ethical considerations, and legal frameworks. Next, chapters examine the unique roles that a forensic social worker must take on and the skills they need to possess. These include using clinical interventions with clients in nonclinical settings, working with clients of different identities and backgrounds, assisting with reentry planning for incarcerated clients, and collaborating with experts outside of the defense team. Finally, the authors provide strategies for practitioners to engage in their own self-care. Interwoven with four case studies using the Colorado Model, this book will be valuable reading for graduate schools of social work, law school programs which have clinics or direct practice components to legal studies, and at defender agencies who contract with or employ social workers on staff.

This new edition gives a clear and up-to-date picture of how the Children Act 1989 is working. All chapters have been updated with the latest case law, legislation and guidance.

This edited book, Global Social Work - Cutting Edge Issues and Critical Reflections, presents global social work expertise, practical tools, and an iterative and reflective process for developing a global social work pedagogy that advances deep disciplinary learning. The authors offer the specifics of a justice based, decolonizing global social work education and practice. This book will be an asset to faculty

communities interested in specializing in global social work. The book offers hope that the faculty, students, and practitioners of social work develop an intercultural, international, cross-border critical approach that further prepares them to meet the global standards of social work education and research and at the same time skillfully act, advocate, and transform global communities and their role in a globalized world.

The Law and Social Work is up-to-date and contemporary. It analyses current debates around confidentiality, State intervention and the legal issues impacting on children, young people, families and vulnerable adults. It also offers an insightful discussion of central social work themes, integrating: ? Ethics and values ? Discrimination ? Assessment and intervention ? Accountability Charting the changes in law and practice over the past ten years, this new edition provides thematic accounts of key areas of development. It also reflects the pace of change in a number of spheres, including youth justice, mental health and discrimination law. Written by leading academics and social work practitioners widely published in their fields of expertise, this is an authoritative text for social work students, practitioners and professionals across the health and social care spectrum.

This fourth edition of Social Work in the Shadow of the Law is a critical resource for social workers, social work students and for those who work in human services. All of the chapters from the third edition have been updated, with fresh accounts, references, perspectives and case studies authored by over 30 academics and senior practitioners. The new title, Social Work in the Shadow of the Law signals a little more emphatically that this is a book that is written by and for social workers. The first part of the book offers deeply considered reflections on the relationship between social work and law, including from Phillip Swain, the founding editor of this book. It then builds on this broad, contextual introduction by examining how and when social workers interact with the law and lawyers in a wide range of different practice settings. The final section of the book considers the legal issues that arise in the social worker's own practice, addressing matters such as confidentiality and ethics, courts, tribunals and interpreters, record keeping, administrative law, and evidentiary rules.

This book will help social workers and practitioners to find achievable solutions to support autistic people - including those with complex needs - to live fulfilling lives in their communities. Far too many autistic people are currently in inappropriate institutional placements, putting their basic human rights at risk and experiencing a poor quality of life. Good quality support for autistic people is achievable, even in a social care system under pressure. This book will help practitioners to develop high quality community support to facilitate discharges and prevent admissions, by providing them with effective, practical strategies to communicate with and more effectively support autistic people right across the spectrum. Common assumptions and beliefs are challenged, including the idea that 'behaviours' are an inevitable part of autism, and practical approaches are offered to promote autonomy, respect for human rights and empathy with autistic perspectives as a basis for preventing distressed behaviour. This will enable practitioners to support and empower all autistic people to achieve a good quality of life in their communities.

'This detailed and informative textbook's articulate, precise and accessible style allows students to grasp the basics of social work law. As such, it should be required reading for all student social workers.' Dr Kenneth McLaughlin, Manchester Metropolitan University "This is an excellent social work law text, which ... has been my core text for my teaching for 14 years. It is an excellent resource in terms of identifying case law ...and [for] exercises/case studies that can be used to support teaching." Lee Sobo-Allen, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Leeds Beckett University Develop and expand legal skills using knowledge and practice Social Work Law, 5th Edition, by Alison Brammer is the market leading textbook for social work students and practitioners alike. It serves as a comprehensive, practical and accessible guide to the legal framework in the context of good social work practice for any student or social worker. It provides a good understanding of the relevant law and practice essential for social workers operating within tight legal processes, to discharge their powers properly. The author provides a balanced account of the law as applied to children, families, and vulnerable adults. Social Work Law uses a range of learning tools to help reinforce your understanding of the law in practice: · Learning objectives at the start of each chapter help structure your study · Talking points in each chapter identify areas of debate for discussion · Exercises and case studies offer a problem based learning application of the law · End of chapter summaries identify the key points from each topic · Further reading sections and website references encourage you to explore the area further · Legal Skills for working in court and other aspects of the social work role help to demystify the law and encourage students and social workers to embrace law as part of their career long professional development This edition has been fully updated to take account of new legislation and case law as well as commentary on proposals for reform. Additional cases, self-test questions and answers to the exercises are available on a companion website at: go.pearson.com/uk/he/resources Alison Brammer is a solicitor and Professor in the School of Law, Keele University. Her specialist interests are Social Work Law, Family and Child Law and Safeguarding. Alison has spoken at national and international conferences, is heavily involved with training work for Social Services Departments, and is Legal Editor of the Journal of Adult Protection. Pearson, the world's learning company.

Written by an author team educated in both the law and social work, this book acquaints readers with major state and federal laws, regulations, and court opinions that directly affect social work practice. LAW IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE, 3rd Edition helps readers understand how to work within the legal system to benefit clients and further client interests, recognize certain client problems as legal, and work effectively with lawyers, as well as how the law shapes and restricts clients' actions. It also addresses how the law regulates social work practice, and how to recognize and respect the rights of clients and others affected by a practitioner's actions. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Social workers play a crucial part in contemporary society by ensuring that individuals are able to address, overcome, and manage obstacles in their daily lives. In an effort to better serve their clients, many practitioners have turned to evidence-based practice. Evidence Discovery and Assessment in Social Work Practice provides practitioners with the tools necessary to locate, analyze, and apply the latest empirical research findings in the field to their individual practice. This premier reference work provides insights and support to professionals and researchers working in the fields of social work, counseling, psychotherapy, case management, and psychology.

This extensively revised edition reviews the latest research and practices in forensic social work. Readers learn to integrate socio-legal knowledge when working with diverse populations in a variety of settings. Noted interdisciplinary contributors review the most common forensic issues encountered in the field to better prepare readers to deal with the

resulting financial, psychological, emotional, and legal ramifications. Using a human rights and social justice approach, the book demonstrates the use of a forensic lens when working with individuals, families, organizations, and communities that struggle with social justice issues. Each chapter features objectives, competencies, Voices From the Field, a conclusion, exercises, and additional resources. The book is ideal for MSW and BSW courses in forensic social work as well as forensic/legal courses taught in criminal justice and psychology. Practitioners working in a variety of settings who must have a working knowledge of forensic social work will also appreciate this comprehensive overview of the field. Key Features: Highlights working with various populations such as minorities, immigrants, veterans, the elderly, LGBTQ individuals, people with disabilities, substance abusers, trauma survivors, and more. Reviews the field's conceptual and historical foundation and pertinent laws to better prepare readers for professional practice (Part I). Introduces the most common forensic issues encountered when working in various settings, including health care, social and protective services, the child welfare system, the criminal justice system, school systems, immigration services, addiction treatment facilities, and more (Part II). Provides a wealth of practical guidance via case studies and interviewing, assessment, and intervention tips. Voices From the Field written by seasoned practitioners introduce common situations readers are likely to encounter. New to this Edition: Highlights the 2015 Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Policies and Accreditation Standards throughout the text. Greatly expanded coverage from 26 to 33 chapters with more information on health care, housing, employment, the juvenile and criminal justice system, adult protective services, and the dynamics of oppression. New Part III dedicated t

Confidentiality and Privacy in Social Work will enable social work practitioners, administrators, and students to understand and use the law to protect their clients, their agencies, and themselves. Family, health, and mental health practitioners will find in it authoritative guidance for working with clients - both children and adults - in individual and group settings. Administrators will be made aware of the laws that protect client and worker privacy, and those that permit legitimate access to information. Educators and their students in both undergraduate and graduate social work programs will find this text an invaluable classroom resource.

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