
On the Review

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From the Editors

This very first issue of *Helsinki Law Review*, titled a "Sample Issue", is the product of more than a year's efforts for most of us. During this long process, we have seen the *Review* evolve from a mere vague idea into a complicated process of mutual learning through trial and error and eventually into an anticipated (and seriously overdue) publication.

We hope that now, finally printed, tangibly and indubitably in existence, *Helsinki Law Review* will inspire its readers to invoke extracurricular interest and vigour towards academic research and writing. The process of turning a heap of nightshift A4:s into a published expression of legal pondering and personal discovery is a unique experience that offers its contributors and editors an ample fistful of lessons and knowhow hard to obtain elsewhere. All of a sudden, the guidelines of academic writing have far deeper meanings than their mere impact on assessment marks. We also hope that the contents of *Helsinki Law Review* will assist nonparticipating law students in their quest for academic skills and virtues by providing examples and by reflecting some achievements of their peers. Finally, we hope to serve various teachers of law as a window through which they can catch a glimpse of goings-on in the lives of students outside their own subjects and departments.

This Sample Issue is not meant to define the final shape or status of *Helsinki Law Review*; indeed, it only exists as a starting point for future labour. Despite a number of plans and ideas of development that already exist, the main task that we ask the present and future contributors to focus their energy on is the establishment of a tradition. The booklet at hand is merely a single collection of articles labeled as a *Law Review* unless it is followed up by a constant stream of subsequent issues. Hence, let's carry on the work.

On behalf of the Board,

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