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Access to justice is among the most important notions in modern legal vocabulary. It is a central topic in the famous book series edited by the late Mauro Cappelletti, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, the land-slide reforms of Lord Woolf in England, and the

reform of most other modern justice systems. From all these sources, one general line of thought emerges: every individual deserves legal protection that is not only quick, but also effective and affordable. In a time when an ever growing demand for justice meets economic crisis and shrinking resources, innovative approaches to the access to justice are urgently needed. This present volume discusses a variety of such approaches from across Europe and beyond, all united by their

significance in contemporary trends in legal and judicial reform. They are presented in the four sections of this book: Access to Justice and Legal Aid; Accessibility by Improvement of Quality; Access to Justice through Mediation and Arbitration; and Accessing Justice through Efficient Enforcement.

Featuring contributions by leading Canadian and international scholars, practitioners, and members of the judiciary, this multidisciplinary collection draws on scholarship in the

*fields of law, social science,
and public policy. There is a
particular emphasis on
family law, consumer law,
and employment law, as
these are the areas where
research has indicated that
unmet legal needs are
highest.*

*This report offers an
empirical tool to help
planners, statisticians,
policy makers and advocates
understand people's
everyday legal problems and
experience with the justice
system. It sets out a
framework for the
conceptualisation,*

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**Access to Justice and the
Need for Legal Information
Towards New European
Standards of Affordability,
Quality and Efficiency of
Civil Adjudication**

**Strengthening Governance
through Access to Justice
The Cost and Value of
Accessing Law**

**Legal Education, Legal
Practice and the Community
Dialogues on the Future of
Law**

**Vulnerable Consumers and
the Law**

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This book tries to reunite and rebuild faith in public institutions by highlighting the availability of judicial remedies for the poor and the excluded in South Asia. The central idea of this book is the inevitable link between judicial capacity and good governance. It critically discusses the state of 'access to justice' to the poor and addresses the problems of various structures and procedures approached by the poor to seek justice. The formal system remains locked in

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*the whimsical fantasies of
the lawyers and the state
structure which aborts the
rule of law for the
privileged and works in
open defiance of the
increasing disempowerment
of the poor due to an
overwhelming judiciary.
This book highlights the
growing need for
restorative justice as
against retributive and
thus emphasizes a more
intensive action research
in alternative dispute
resolution systems (ADRs).
This argument is further
developed to assess the
competence of many*

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*people's led informal
institutions of judiciary
such as Saalish in
Bangladesh, Jirgas in
Pakistan or Lok Adalats in
India. The book is also
radical in its approach
towards the use of
alternative dispute
resolution systems to
support marginalized
communities, including
women in distress, through
mediation and arbitration
which are gaining a new
intellectual space in
justice discourse. This
book is an indispensable
guide to administrators,
and social scientists*

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*interested in governance
and legal research. It
would also be useful for
those working in the non-
state sector of pro-poor
reforms.*

*Essay from the year 2014
in the subject Law -
Philosophy, History and
Sociology of Law, grade:
A, University of
Birmingham, language:
English, abstract: The
continuous reduction of
legal aid funding has
raised question whether
the UK is denying its
citizen's access to
justice and missing its
rule of welfare state. It*

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had been put into practice since the second half of the twentieth century, where the indigenous people, unable to afford the cost of access to justice, were granted legal aid funding with public money. Access to justice is no more prioritised like education, healthcare, and social security to utilise taxpayer's money, while legal advice cost of barristers and solicitors has accelerated at a higher rate. Although equal opportunity and human rights are the two

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English Legal System,
austerity caused by
economic downturn made it

difficult to balance the
spending of public money
for common necessities of
the society and curtailed
legal aid. Thus, access to
justice is far away from
essential needs, and just
a luxury for the poor
people, which may bring
lawlessness in the
society.

In international law, as
in any other legal system,
respect and protection of
human rights can be
guaranteed only by the

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availability of effective judicial remedies. When a right is violated or damage is caused, access to justice is of fundamental importance for the injured individual and it is an essential component of the rule of law. Yet, access to justice as a human right remains problematic in international law. First, because individual access to international justice remains exceptional and based on specific treaty arrangements, rather than on general principles of international law; second,

because even when such right is guaranteed as a matter of treaty obligation, other norms or doctrines of international law may effectively impede its exercise, as in the case of sovereign immunity or non reviewability of UN Security Council measures directly affecting individuals. Further, even access to domestic legal remedies is suffering because of the constraints put by security threats, such as terrorism, on the full protection of freedom and human rights. This collection of essays

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offers seven distinct perspectives on the present status of access to justice: its development in customary international law, the stress put on it in times of emergency, its problematic exercise in the case of violations of the law of war, its application to torture victims, its development in the case law of the UN Human Rights Committee and of the European Court of Human Rights, its application to the emerging field of environmental justice, and

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*finally access to justice
as part of fundamental
rights in European law.
Lawyers and the Public
Good*

*Access to Justice as a
Human Right*

*The Legal Process and the
Promise of Justice*

*Access to Justice for a
New Century*

Justice for All

Legal Services in Texas

Summary of Civil Legal

Needs and Access to

Justice in Nevada

**Around the world, access to justice
enjoys an energetic and passionate
resurgence as an object both of
scholarly inquiry and political**

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contest, as both a social movement and a value commitment motivating study and action. This work evidences a deeper engagement with social theory than past generations of scholarship.

Are Americans making under \$50,000 a year compelled to navigate the legal system on their own, or do they simply give up because they cannot afford lawyers? We know anecdotally that Americans of median or lower income generally do without legal representation or resort to a sector of the legal profession that - because of the sheer volume of claims, inadequate training, and other causes - provides deficient representation and advice. This book poses the question: can we

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**- at the current level of resources,
both public and private - better
address the legal needs of all
Americans? Leading judges,**

**researchers, and activists discuss the
role of technology, pro bono services,
bar association resources, affordable
solo and small firm fees, public
service internships, and law student
and nonlawyer representation.**

**For most people in rural South
Africa, traditional justice
mechanisms provide the only
feasible means of accessing any form
of justice. These mechanisms are
popularly associated with restorative
justice, reconciliation and harmony
in rural communities. Yet, this
ethnographic study grounded in the
political economy of rural South**

Africa reveals how historical conditions and contemporary pressures have strained these mechanisms' ability to deliver the high normative ideals with which they are notionally linked. In places such as Msinga access to justice is made especially precarious by the reality that human insecurity – a composite of physical, social and material insecurity – is high for both ordinary people and the authorities who staff local justice forums; cooperation is low between traditional justice mechanisms and the criminal and social justice mechanisms the state is meant to provide; and competition from purportedly more effective 'twilight institutions', like vigilante

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associations, is rife. Further contradictions are presented by profoundly gendered social relations premised on delicate social trust that is closely monitored by one's community and enforced through self-help measures like witchcraft accusations in a context in which violence is, culturally and practically, a highly plausible strategy for dispute management. These contextual considerations compel us to ask what justice we can reasonably speak of access to in such an insecure context and what solutions are viable under such volatile human conditions? The book concludes with a vision for access to justice in rural South Africa that takes seriously ordinary people's

circumstances and traditional authorities' lived experiences as documented in this detailed study.

The author proposes a cooperative governance model that would maximise the resources and capacity of both traditional and state justice apparatus for delivering the legal and social justice – namely, peace and protection from violence as well as mitigation of poverty and destitution – that rural people genuinely need.

The Justice Crisis

**Access to Justice and Legal Process
Disabled Justice?**

**Access to Justice and Legal Aid in
Africa : Conference Report**

**Cultural Contradictions in Rural
South Africa**

**Access to Justice and International
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**Earl Warren and the Nation He
Made**

This report offers an empirical tool to help planners, statisticians, policy makers and advocates understand people's everyday legal problems and experience with the justice system. It sets out a framework for the conceptualisation, implementation and analysis of legal needs surveys and is informed by analysis of a wide range of national surveys conducted over the last 25

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years. It provides guidance and recommendations in a modular way, allowing application into different types of surveys. It also outlines opportunities for legal needs-based indicators that strengthen our understanding of access to civil justice. This book considers how access to justice is affected by restrictions to legal aid budgets and increasingly prescriptive service guidelines. As common law jurisdictions, England and Wales and Australia, share similar

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ideals, policies and practices, but they differ in aspects of their legal and political culture, in the nature of the communities they serve and in their approaches to providing access to justice. These jurisdictions thus provide us with different perspectives on what constitutes justice and how we might seek to overcome the burgeoning crisis in unmet legal need. The book fills an important gap in existing scholarship as the first to bring together new

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empirical and theoretical knowledge examining different responses to legal aid crises both in the domestic and comparative contexts, across criminal, civil and family law. It achieves this by examining the broader social, political, legal, health and welfare impacts of legal aid cuts and prescriptive service guidelines. Across both jurisdictions, this work suggests that it is the most vulnerable groups who lose out in the way the law now operates in the twenty-first century. This

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*book is essential reading
for academics, students,
practitioners and
policymakers interested in
criminal and civil
justice, access to
justice, the provision of
legal assistance and legal
aid.*

*We live in a denial of
justice age when it comes
to the individual pursuit
of justice against
international
organisations (IOs).
Victims of institutional
conduct are generally not
provided reasonable means
of dispute settlement at
the international level.*

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They also have been unable to seek justice at the national level due to IO immunities, which aim to secure institutional independence. Access to justice and IO independence are equally important values and realising them both has so far proven elusive. Private international law techniques can help allocate regulatory authority between the national and institutional orders in a nuanced manner by maintaining IO independence without sacrificing access to

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justice. As private

international law rules
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can be adjusted nationally
without the need for

international action, the
solution proposed can be
readily implemented,
thereby resolving a
conundrum that public
international law has not
been able to address for
decades.

Consumer Protection and
Access to Justice

Technology, Innovation and
Access to Justice

Access to Justice and
International

Organizations

Providing Access to

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Justice

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*Access to Justice in Iran
Access to Justice and
Legal Aid*

*Legal Needs Surveys and
Access to Justice*

Building on a series of
ESRC funded seminars,
this edited collection
of expert papers by
academics and
practitioners is
concerned with access to
civil and administrative
justice in
constitutional
democracies, where, for
the past decade
governments have

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reassessed their
priorities for funding
legal services:

embracing 'new
technologies' that
reconfigure the delivery
and very concept of
legal services; cutting
legal aid budgets; and
introducing putative
cost-cutting measures
for the administration
of courts, tribunals and
established systems for
the delivery of legal
advice and assistance.
Without underplaying the
future potential of
technological

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innovation, or the need
for a fair and rational
system for the
prioritisation and
funding of legal
services, the book
questions whether the
absolutist approach to
the dictates of
austerity and the
promise of new
technologies that have
driven the Coalition
Government's policy, can
be squared with
obligations to protect
the fundamental right of
access to justice, in
the unwritten

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constitution of the
United Kingdom.

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"Equal Justice Under
Law" is one of America's
most proudly proclaimed
and widely violated
legal principles. But it
comes nowhere close to
describing the legal
system in practice.
Millions of Americans
lack any access to
justice, let alone equal
access. Worse, the
increasing centrality of
law in American life and
its growing complexity
has made access to legal
assistance critical for

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all citizens. Yet according to most estimates about four-fifths of the legal needs of the poor, and two- to three-fifths of the needs of middle-income individuals remain unmet. This book reveals the inequities of legal assistance in America, from the lack of access to educational services and health benefits to gross injustices in the criminal defense system. It proposes a specific agenda for change,

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offering tangible
reforms for coordinating
comprehensive systems
for the delivery of
legal services,
maximizing individual's
opportunities to
represent themselves,
and making effective
legal services more
affordable for all
Americans who need them.
This book examines the
state of access to
criminal justice by
considering the health
of the lawyer-client
relationship under legal
aid. In the largest

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study of its kind for
some two decades,
ethnographic fieldwork
is used to gain a fresh
perspective upon the
interaction that lies at
the heart of the
criminal justice
system's equality of
arms. The research
produces two
contradictory messages;
in interview, lawyers
claim a positive
relationship with their
clients while, under
participant observation,
there emerges quite the
opposite. Paying more

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heed to what was seen than what was said, it is supposed that these lawyers were able to talk the talk but not walk the walk. The lawyers treat their clients with wanton disrespect; making fun of them, talking over them and pushing them to plead guilty - despite protestations to the contrary. The evidence is damning for this branch of the legal profession - and tragic for the clients who depend on them. What is

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responsible for this
malaise...inadequate
financial remuneration?
Increased time

pressures? Lapsed
ethical training?

Whatever the origin,
this book is intended to
show the profession that
there is a problem - one
that could get worse
unless they choose to
learn from the mistakes
made by the lawyers in
this study.

Middle Income Access to
Justice

Legal Aid Lawyers and
the Quest for Justice

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Access to Justice and
Human Security

Problems of the Access
to Justice in the UK's
Legal System

Access to Justice and
the Judiciary

Access to Justice and
the UN Convention on the
Rights of Persons with
Disabilities

Unfulfilled legal needs are at a
tipping point in much of the
Canadian justice system. The
Justice Crisis assesses what
is and isn't working in efforts
to strengthen a fundamental

right of democratic citizenship: access to civil and family justice. Contributors to this wide-ranging overview of recent empirical research address key issues: the extent and cost of unmet legal needs; the role of public funding; connections between legal and social exclusion among vulnerable populations; the value of new legal pathways; the provision of justice services beyond the courts and lawyers; and the need for a culture change within the justice system.

This book charts the difficulties encountered by

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vulnerable consumers in their access to justice, through the contributions of prominent authors (academic, practitioners and consultants) in the field of consumer law and access to justice. It demonstrates that despite the development of ADR, access to justice is still severely lacking for the vulnerable consumer. The book highlights that a broad understanding of access to justice, which encompasses good regulation and its public enforcement, is an essential ingredient alongside access to the mechanisms of traditional

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private justice (courts and ADR) to protect the vulnerable consumer. Indeed, many of the difficulties are linked to normative obstacles and lack of access to justice is primarily a vulnerability in itself that can exacerbate existing ones. In addition, because it may contribute to 'pushing' already vulnerable consumers into social exclusion it is not simply about economic justice but also about social justice. The book shows that lack of access to justice is not irreversible nor is it necessarily linked to

consumer apathy. New technologies could provide solutions. The book concludes with a plea for developing 'inclusive' justice systems with more emphasis on public enforcement alongside effective courts systems to offer the vulnerable with adequate means to defend themselves. This book will be suitable for both students and practitioners, and all those with an interest in the justice system.

This book focuses on four topical and interconnected, innovative pathways to civil justice within the context of

securing and improving access to justice: the use of Artificial Intelligence and its interactions with judicial systems; ADR and ODR tracks in privatising justice systems; the effects of increased self-representation on access to justice; and court specialization and the establishment of commercial courts to counter the trend of vanishing court trials. Top academics and experts from Europe, the US and Canada address these topics in a critical and multidisciplinary manner, combining legal, socio-legal and empirical

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insights. The book is part of 'Building EU Civil Justice', a five-year research project funded by the European Research Council. It will be of interest to scholars and policymakers, as well as practitioners working in the areas of civil justice, alternative dispute resolution, court systems, and legal tech. The chapters "Introduction: The Future of Access to Justice – Beyond Science Fiction" and "Constituting a Civil Legal System Called "Just": Law, Money, Power, and Publicity" are available open access under a Creative

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of Human Rights Violations
Beyond Elite Law

Access to Civil Justice in
America

A Review of World Bank
Practice

Educating for Justice Around
the World

Free and Low Cost Legal
Resources in Virginia

This groundbreaking book offers
a compelling articulation of the
right of access to justice for

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individuals facing human rights violations by international organizations. Following an examination of the human rights obligations of a variety of international organizations, the author scrutinizes their dispute settlement mechanisms as well as the conflict between their immunities and the right of access to justice before national jurisdictions. Highlighting recent examples, such as the cholera outbreak in Haiti, this book reveals how individual victims of human rights violations by international organizations are frequently left in the cold, due to the lack of an independent,

impartial dispute settlement mechanism before which they can file such claims. Considering both global mechanisms and current mechanisms established by international organizations such as administrative jurisdictions for employment-related disputes, Pierre Schmitt finds that they either are not competent or that they have a limited scope. He concludes by offering normative proposals addressed both to international organizations and to national judges confronted with such cases. Offering a wealth of empirical and practical wisdom, this book will appeal to scholars

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in public international law and human rights. It is also a must-read for practitioners, judges and legal advisers working in the field and will prove a useful tool for national authorities negotiating immunity conventions with international organizations.

For the 2010 Hamlyn Lectures, Alan Paterson explores different facets of three key institutions in a democracy: lawyers, access to justice and the judiciary. In the case of lawyers he asks whether professionalism is now in terminal decline. To examine access to justice, he discusses past and present crises in legal aid and potential endgames and

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in relation to judges he examines possible mechanisms for enhancing judicial accountability.

In demonstrating that the benign paternalism of lawyers in determining the public good with respect to such issues is no longer unchallenged, he argues that the future roles of lawyers, access to justice and the judiciary will only emerge from dialogues with other stakeholders claiming to speak for the public interest.

A critical and in-depth analysis of access to justice from international and Islamic perspectives, with a specific focus on access by women.

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Making the Rule of Law a Reality

Challenges of Access to Justice

Making Legal Institutions

Responsive to Poor People in
LDCs

Democracy in Action?

Marginalized Communities and
Access to Justice

Women, Perceptions, and
Reality

Concept, Context and Practice

*This book is a timely addition to
the literature on access to
justice. The book's essays
address all aspects of the topic,
including differing views on the
meaning of access to justice;
ways to improve access to legal
services; litigation and its role in*

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*achieving social justice; and the
roles of lawyers, citizens, and
legal insitutions. Access to
Justice for a New Century is
based on papers given at an
international symposium
presented by the Law Society of
Upper Canada, sponsored by
the Law Foundation of Ontario.
One of the most acclaimed and
best political biographies of its
time, Justice for All is a
monumental work dedicated to
a complicated and principled
figure that will become a
seminal work of twentieth-
century U.S. history. In Justice
for All, Jim Newton, an award-
winning journalist for the Los*

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Angeles Times, brings readers the first truly comprehensive consideration of Earl Warren, the politician-turned-Chief Justice who refashioned the place of the court in American life through landmark Supreme Court cases whose names have entered the common parlance -- Brown v. Board of Education, Griswold v. Connecticut, Miranda v. Arizona, to name just a few. Drawing on unmatched access to government, academic, and private documents pertaining to Warren's life and career, Newton explores a fascinating angle of U.S. Supreme Court

*history while illuminating both
the public and the private
Warren.*

*Access to Justice in Arbitration
Concept, Context and Practice
Edited by Leonardo V P de
Oliveira & Sara Hourani The
exponential growth of
arbitration beyond commercial
and investment matters,
reaching disputes that have
traditionally been decided by
courts – such as labour and
employment, sports, and
competition disputes, and those
involving human rights
violations – raises questions
about the impact of this
expansion on access to justice.*

*This collection of essays by
arbitral practitioners,
academics, and arbitral
institution officials presents, for
the first time, an in-depth
analysis of the role access to
justice plays in arbitration.
Overall, the book assesses how
access to justice can be
guaranteed in arbitration and, in
particular, shows how access to
justice works in various types of
arbitration. The book and its
contributions will be of
immeasurable value in
determining the practical
application of such concerns as
the following: when issues of
access to justice can be raised*

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*in arbitral disputes and when
violations of access to justice
can be challenged; ramifications
of arbitration clauses in
contracts; ensuring fairness and
efficiency arising from
technological innovations
applied to arbitration; legal
framework applicable to online
dispute resolution and
blockchain-based arbitration,
especially with regard to
recognition and enforcement;
and access to justice in
arbitrations involving sexual
harassment. The book
concludes with three chapters
on access to justice under the
rules of arbitral institutions as*

*revealed by studies of the World
Intellectual Property*

*Organisation, the Singapore
International Arbitration Centre,
and the International Centre for
Settlement of Investment*

*Disputes. Arbitration provides a
final binding decision that can
be challenged on very limited
grounds; thus, with arbitration
settling disputes that were
originally a prerogative of the
judiciary, securing fairness in
such procedures is paramount
to the survival of arbitration. For
this reason, arbitration
practitioners, institutions, and
academics will appreciate this
deeply-informed analysis and*

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*commentary on a crucial aspect
of a highly significant and
rapidly evolving area of
practice.*

*Comparative Perspectives on
Unmet Legal Need*

The Way Forward

*Access to Justice. Part 2, Legal
Aid*

*Beyond the Policies and Politics
of Austerity*

*Coordinating Jurisdiction
between the National and
Institutional Legal Orders*

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The Legal Aid Department

*Serving the Community for 30
Years*

Malcolm Feeley's classic

*scholarship on courts,
criminal justice, legal
reform, and the legal
complex, examined by law
and society scholars.
While legal technology
may bring efficiency and
economy to business,
where are the people in
this process and what
does it mean for their
lives? Brings together
leading judges,
academics,
practitioners, policy
makers and educators
from countries including
India, Canada, Germany,
United Kingdom South*

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Africa and Nigeria

***Includes contributions
from Roger Smith, Dory***

Reiling, Christian

***Djeffal, George Williams
and Odunoluwa Longe***

Offers a dialogue

between theory and

practice by presenting

practical and reflective

essays on the nature of

changes in the legal

sector Analyses

technological changes

taking place in the

legal sector, situates

where these developments

have taken place, who

has brought it about and

*what impact has it had
on society Around four
billion people globally
are unable to address
their everyday legal
problems and do not have
the security,
opportunity or
protection to redress
their grievances and
injustices. Courts and
legal institutions can
often be out of reach
because of costs,
distance, or a lack of
knowledge of rights and
entitlements and
judicial institutions
may be under-funded*

leading to poor judicial infrastructure, inadequate staff, and limited resources to meet the needs of those who require such services. This book sets out to embed access to justice into mainstream discussions on the future of law and to explore how this can be addressed in different parts of the legal industry. It examines what changes in technology mean for the end user, whether an ordinary citizen, a

client or a student. It looks at the everyday practice of law through a sector wide analysis of law firms, universities, startups and civil society organizations. In doing so, the book provides a roadmap on how to address sector specific access to justice questions and to draw lessons for the future. The book draws on experiences from judges, academics, practitioners, policy makers and educators and

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**presents perspectives
from both the Global
South and the Global
North.**

**Disability offers a new
lens through which to
view the effectiveness
of access to justice,
and the inclusiveness of
the justice system as a
whole. This book
analyses the experience
of people with
disabilities through the
entire justice system,
from making a complaint,
to investigation, and
through the
court/tribunal process.**

It also considers the participation of people with disabilities in a variety of roles in the justice system - as witness, defendant, complainant, plaintiff, lawyer, judge and juror. More broadly, it also critically examines the subtle barriers of access to justice which might exist in a given society - including barriers to grassroots disability advocacy, legal education and training, the right to vote and the right to

stand for election which may apply to people with disabilities. The book is international and comparative in scope with a focus primarily on examples of legal practice and justice systems in common law countries. The work will be of interest to scholars working in the areas of human rights, equality and non-discrimination, disability rights activists and legal professionals who work with people with

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Marginalized Communities and Access to Justice is a comparative study, by leading researchers in the field of law and justice, of the imperatives and constraints of access to justice among a number of marginalized communities. A central feature of the rule of law is the equality of all before the law. As part of this equality, all persons have the right to the protection of their rights by the state, particularly the judiciary. Therefore equal access to the courts and other organs of the state concerned with the enforcement of the law is central. These

studies – undertaken by internationally renowned scholars and practitioners – examine the role of courts and similar bodies in administering the laws that pertain to the entitlements of marginalized communities, and address individuals' and organisations' access to institutions of justice: primarily, but not exclusively, courts. They raise broad questions about the commitment of the state to law and human rights as the principal framework for policy and executive authority, as well as the impetus to law reform through litigation. Offering insights into the difficulties of enforcing, and indeed of the will to enforce, the law, this book thus engages fundamental questions about value of engagement with the formal legal system for marginalized communities.