



### **A BRIEF HISTORY OF LAW REFORM**

Ever wondered how you could get involved in changing the law? Is there an area of the law that doesn't make sense, and you think needs improving?

The current exhibition in the Crypt at the Royal Courts of Justice explores the History of the Law Commission, and the way the law has changed in the last 40 years. It provides visitors with a chance to submit their views about what areas of law should be reformed, and to respond to key policy proposals, such as on the law of murder.

If you think that the law doesn't affect you, think again. This exhibition shows the level of involvement the Law Commission has had in improving the law on a wide range of areas, including domestic abuse, the rights of children and the mentally incapacitated, and the ownership and registration of property.

The exhibition is essential viewing for anybody with an interest in democracy and wants to have a say.

The display starts on the left as you enter the crypt from the main hall with an exploration of what the Law Commission is (1) and its history (2). On the right-hand side of the double doors in front of you, it then goes on to look at the value added by the Law Commission (3), when the law affects you (4), and how you can influence law reform (5).

The following stands on your left (6-10) look at various projects of law reform led by the Commission which have substantially changed the law for the better.

Stands 11-12 in the far left corner provide information about the number of unimplemented recommendations that the Commission has made.

The stands in the centre of the room facing the main hall (13-20) and facing the rear of the room (21) invite comment on current and recent projects, and the final three stands look at archaic laws still on the statute book, and the work currently underway to repeal obsolete laws (22-24).

Please note: On arrival, please allow time to go through security gates at the entrance of the RCJ from the Strand.

**Duration:** Until 16 March 2006 from 10:00-16:30 daily  
**Location:** The Crypt, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2A 2LL  
**Cost:** Free  
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