

*Reform of the Criminal Law*  
*The Inns of Court, London, England*  
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In November 1986, a group of distinguished judges, legislators, lawyers, academics, and policymakers from around the world were invited to meet at the Inns of Court to examine why a number of national movements for the reform of the criminal law were emerging independently but simultaneously.

The conference began on July 26, 1987. Over two hundred had accepted the invitation to attend. During the next three days, the participants analyzed the origins and the possible future directions of these national movements. The plenary sessions examined the present need for reform; the social context for reform; the general principles on which reform should be based; as well as who should accomplish the reform. In the seminars, participants discussed reform in a number of specific areas: the impact of human and constitutional rights on the criminal law; the structure of conduct and blame, including duties and secondary responsibility; defenses; mental disorder and incapacity; homicide; assault and sexual offenses; theft and fraud; libel; fomenting hatred; pornography; invasion of privacy; crimes against public order, government, and the administration of justice; narcotics; evidence; sentencing; enforcement and prosecution; and the role of consent in criminal law.

In all, more than ninety papers or short notes were presented. They are listed below. This issue of the *Criminal Law Forum* includes four pieces based [ ]

→ | The difference between negligent homicide and reckless homicide when both involve consciousness of a risk

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