

# Foreword

Publication of the 20th issue of the Journal calls for a Special Issue, and as can be deduced from both the cover and the contents page, that is exactly what is offered on this occasion.

The issue is confined to one consideration, namely the viability and advisability of '*A model law fusing incapacity and mental health legislation*'. Given the significant role afforded to 'capacity' in the Report of the Expert Committee appointed by the Government in 1998 to advise on the direction of mental health law reform, it seemed highly appropriate both to Professor George Szukler (the Editorial Board member who proposed the issue) and myself that the involvement of Professor Geneva Richardson (the Chair of the Expert Committee) should be sought. I am very grateful to her for her acceptance of the invitation to co-edit the issue, and the consequent very significant role she has played both in devising the structure and in co-ordinating the production of this issue.

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Editor

