In Roe v. Wade, Justice Harry Blackmun structured the argument of the majority around the history of abortion laws. That history built on the work of law professor Cyril Means, Jr., and historian James Mohr. Means and Mohr proclaim four theses as summarizing the “true” history of abortion in England and America: (1) Abortion was not a crime “at common law” (before the enactment of abortion statutes in the nineteenth century. (2) Abortion was common and relatively safe during this time. (3) Abortion statutes were enacted in the nineteenth century in order to protect the life of the mother rather than the life of the embryo or fetus. (4) The moving force behind the nineteenth-century statutes was the attempt of the male medical profession to suppress competition from competing practitioners of alternative forms of medicine. This book dispels these myths and sets forth the true history of abortion and abortion law in English and American society. Anglo-American law always treated abortion as a serious crime, generally including early in pregnancy. Prosecutions and even executions go back 800 years in England, establishing law that carried over to colonial America. The reasons offered for these prosecutions and penalties consistently focused on protecting the life of the unborn child. This unbroken tradition refutes the claims that unborn children have not been treated as persons in our law or as persons under the Constitution of the United States.
Dispelling the Myths of Abortion History

The Politics of Reproduction in the 1990s

Issues surrounding the end of life, and in particular questions of patient choice, have seldom been so high on the legal, ethical and political agenda. This book examines these issues from a comparative perspective, drawing conclusions about the role of the doctor, the individual and the law-makers in this moral minefield.

Family Rights

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Bioethics

Those involved in family and sexual relationships today face a bewildering variety of medico-legal dilemmas. These are encountered from as early as the preconception state of the embryo and continue throughout the period of child raising until the status of the mature minor is achieved. This book dissects a wide range of legal, medical and ethical issues surrounding reproduction and the parental relationship with the resultant child. Questions posed in the various sections include: what constitutes sexual intercourse, what are the implications of contraception and sterilization, is the abortion issues dead?. Is there a right to reproduce and, if so, how is this applied to the modern methods of assisted reproduction?. Is surrogate motherhood acceptable or workable?. The concept of fetal rights is explored and specific attention is given to the management of defective neonates in the light of recent judicial decisions. Other chapters look at the parent/child relationship in respect of medical treatment and the book concludes with a review of the interfamilial protection of young children under both the civil and the criminal law. Many of the views expressed are novel in that they represent those of a medical doctor exploring the legal field. It is neither a conventional book on family law nor one on medical law; rather, it draws on both to examine a specific area which affects both in a particularly significant way. Both statute and case law have been extensively updated since the publication of the first edition.

The Allocation of Health Care Resources

Overview of Legal Issues in New Reproductive Technologies

"The scope, diversity, and complexity of the legal issues raised by new reproductive technologies required that the Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies undertake studies in a wide range of areas to examine the legal implications of the technologies. This volume provides an overview of various legal approaches to the entire body of technologies in the Commission's mandate."

Death, Dying, and the Law

Children, Medicine and the Law

Medico-legal Aspects of Reproduction and Parenthood

Framed with a substantial introduction by the editor, this new book brings together the key articles written on bioethics over recent years. Subjects covered include the beginnings of life, the end of life, quality of life, value of life, future generations, and professional ethics.

Law Books Published

Examines the legislative oversight in the regulation of prenatal and preimplantation testing technologies across a number of jurisdictions.
Published in 1998, this work is concerned, in the main, with reproduction - for which marriage is not an essential prerequisite. Nevertheless, much of sexuality and the greater part of parenthood still subsist within the marital relationship. Sex and marriage are interdependent - indeed the definition of the latter depends on the former. After looking at the prerequisites for marriage and for making a marriage void, the author shows that the medico-legal interests of marriage relate to the mental health and the sex of the parties. The author also looks at various aspects of the sexual-familial relationship, including contraception, sterilization, abortion, protection of the foetus, foetal experimentation, the infertile husband, the infertile woman, defective neonates and infants, consent to treatment and research in children, the protection of young children and the killing of children within the family. Cases are used to highlight the legal aspects of these subjects.

Medico-Legal Aspects of Reproduction and Parenthood

Beyond Control

"Legal Issues in Obstetrics explores the law which applies to this important area of medicine. Social and scientific developments in recent years have led to new legal and ethical problems for those practising in obstetrics and the legal framework is stated, with special reference to both well-established and emerging problems. The book covers the reasons for the politicization of pregnancy, and the new emphasis on maternal choice in obstetrics is discussed, together with the attendant legal and ethical dilemmas. The legal regulation of abortion is described, and the important matter of genetic counselling is discussed. After the law of medical negligence is explained, disturbing issues raised by obstetric negligence cases for both patients and medical staff are explored. The legal status of protocols and guidelines, and the consequences for the practice of obstetrics and medical negligence claims are also examined in the context of risk management. Finally the adequacy of the existing legal framework is assessed and the future of the law relating to obstetrics is considered."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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Medicolegal Aspects of Hospital Records

The author of this book suggests that there are two main reasons for the expansion of family planning in the last thirty years. The first is the greater rights consciousness of women in the western world which has led to a greater expectation of choice of whole lifestyle; and the second a recognition that sexual intercourse is something good in itself. Legislation has reflected this change and the book discusses the various kinds of family planning available and the legal situation eg. birth control and minors, the rights of partners, the rights of the mentally disabled, and the responsibilities of doctors and other professionals.

Medicolegal Aspects of Moral Offenses

Bibliography of works which discuss the ethical aspects of: physician patient relationship, health care, contraception, abortion, population, reproductive technologies, genetic intervention, mental health therapies, human experimentation, artificial and transplanted organs are tissues, death and dying, and international dimensions of biology and medicine.

Legal Issues in Human Reproduction

"The practice of prenatal diagnosis involves a complex relationship between technology and individuals, partly because of the seriousness of the choices that may have to be made because of the technology's use. This relationship provides the context for the studies in the next three volumes examining prenatal diagnostic technologies. This volume outlines the development of prenatal diagnosis in Canada and what is known about its risks and long-term effects. It goes on to provide some data relevant to the demographics of women in Canada using prenatal diagnosis and then explores in depth the views of some of these women."--Introduction.

Legal Issues in Obstetrics

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An up-to-date, user-friendly guide to the subject of commercial law as it operates in Scotland, this book is intended primarily for students on commercial law, mercantile law or business law courses. It should also be useful for postgraduate courses and for practitioners.

**Law Reform and Medical Injury Litigation**

**On Concussion of the Spine**

This document contains papers on the following topics: a review of medically assisted reproductive technologies; a socio-historical examination of the development of in vitro fertilization and related assisted reproductive techniques; the professions involved in new reproductive technologies; legislation, inquiries, and guidelines on infertility treatment and surrogacy/preconception contracts; an overview of donor insemination; issues and responses to artificial insemination; the social meanings of donor insemination; lesbian women and donor insemination; self-insemination in Canada; the conceptual framework of donor insemination; and a bibliography of artificial insemination.

**Children's Rights in Scotland**

This volume collects in convenient form the most influential articles analysing the key issues surrounding children, medicine and the law today. Issues examined include the implications of assisted reproduction for children, neonatal intensive care, health care, HIV testing of new-born children.

**Kentucky Law Journal**

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**Prenatal Diagnosis**

Abortion is now recognised as primarily a medical issue, rather than one of political and social importance; its regulation determined by the authority of doctors and other medical professionals.In the first comprehensive historical study of the regulation of abortion, Sally Sheldon examines the causes and effects of the medicalisation of abortion, focusing on the role that law has played in this process. Sheldon traces the history of the modern law on abortion, examining regulation in Britain prior to the 1967 Abortion Act, following with a detailed study of the Act itself and the values which underpin it, and locating the British law in a comparative context.Taking a theoretical approach to the subject, Sheldon draws on the work of Foucault and on feminist theory to challenge common perceptions that the law has evolved to embrace a more permissive stance on abortion and that in so doing Britain, in particular, has now ‘solved’ the ‘abortion problem’.

**Family Planning Practice and the Law**

First published in 1998, Reproducing Narrative sets out to interrogate a number of medico-legal reproductive discourses. Recognizing that these dialogues are heavily imprecated in broader social, political and economic discourses it is contended that responses to reproductive issues are influenced and possibly determined, by non-reproductive concerns both at a parochial and more general level. Whilst a number of such influential narratives are recognized the book concentrates on the narratives of gender which appear implicit within the discourses and practices considered. Given the productive nature of discourse and the traditional premising of gender on sexual difference it becomes apparent that the explicit figuring of the female reproductive body becomes a means of realizing the implicit gender narratives within these discourses. Privileged medico-legal discourses become understood as a technology of gender - an important site at which gender is constituted.
Current Legal Theory

The perceived rise in claims against doctors, coupled with the problems of gaining access to the legal system, have led over recent years to reconsideration of the basis on which clinicians are held liable for accidents or negligence. This book explores these problems through analysis of a number of jurisdictions, in some of which change has been instituted and in others of which the traditional fault-based model still applies. Critical evaluation of these systems provides the reader with a picture of the problems and benefits of different liability models.

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