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Negligence and Autonomy

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VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

The complex relationship between negligence and autonomy is of increasing theoretical and practical interest, as is shown by recent cases such as *Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board* [2015] UKSC 11, *Shaw v Kovac* [2017] EWCA Civ 1028 and *ACB v Thomson Medical Pte Ltd* [2017] SGCA 20. My discussion of this relationship divides into three parts. In the first part, I make some general observations about the relationship between negligence law and autonomy. In the second part, I consider whether interference with autonomy should be recognised as a form of damage that grounds a negligence claim. And in the third and final part I consider the tensions that arise out of the interplay between negligence doctrine and patient autonomy in the law of medical non-disclosure.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Donal Nolan is Professor of Private Law in the University of Oxford and Francis Reynolds and Clarendon Fellow and Tutor in Law at Worcester College, Oxford. He was educated at Brasenose College, Oxford (BA and BCL) and was previously a Lecturer in Law at King's College London. He has taught tort, contract, international trade law, restitution and commercial law, and has been a Visiting Professor in the University of Florida, the University of Trento and Sichuan University. He is a Senior Fellow of the University of Melbourne, a founding member of the World Tort Law Society, and an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Professor Nolan's research is focused primarily on the law of tort, and in particular on the law of negligence, the law of private nuisance and the interface between tort law and public law. He has recently undertaken a major empirical study of the operation of the contributory negligence doctrine with Professor James Goudkamp, which has generated two books: *Contributory Negligence: Principles and Practice* (OUP, 2018) and *Contributory Negligence in the Twenty-First Century* (OUP, 2019). He is also an editor of *Winfield & Jolowicz on Tort* and of *Lunney & Oliphant's Tort: Text and Materials*.

PROGRAMME

4.45 PM : Zoom Login
5.00 PM : Lecture by Prof Donal Nolan
6.00 PM : Q+A Session
6.30 PM : End of Webinar

REGISTRATION

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