14. Involuntary manslaughter

This chapter explores involuntary manslaughter in its three forms: unlawful act manslaughter, gross negligence manslaughter, and reckless manslaughter. Given the breadth of cases that involuntary manslaughter must cover, it is not surprising that more than one form of the offence has evolved, and that the elements of each form of involuntary manslaughter are distinct, particularly as to the fault required. The chapter examines recent developments, in particular those relating to gross negligence manslaughter in the medical profession and whether the offence is contrary to Article 7 of the European Convention on Human Rights. It concludes with a detailed assessment of the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.
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