1. Overview of tort law

This chapter provides an overview of tort law. It explains that tort law is a branch of the law of obligations which imposes liability for the breach of norms of conduct based on the type of interest at stake and the degree of fault. It provides a brief history of tort law. It then moves on to discuss the rights and interests protected by tort. It also considers theoretical perspectives about the proper parameters of tort, particularly about the bases of tortious liability and about whether tort law should serve individual or social goals.

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