This chapter examines the key issues surrounding the funding of civil litigation and how this impacts upon access to justice. It begins with a discussion of the concept of legal aid before moving on to consider the reforms introduced under the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012, where legal aid has been withdrawn from significant forms of civil litigation and the eligibility criteria for legal aid altered. The roles of alternative funding arrangements and non-legal organizations operating in the provision of legal advice are also explored.
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