Chapter 11

1. Sexual offences

Course-focused and comprehensive, the Textbook on series provides an accessible overview of the key areas on the law curriculum. This chapter discusses the main sexual offences including rape, assault by penetration, sexual assault, causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent, offences against children, familial sex offences, offences against persons with a mental disorder, and preparatory offences. The chapter situates the offence of rape in particular in the context of broader discussions about consent and trial by jury. Two Law in Context features examine the prevalence of 'rape myths' that may affect how jurors decide whether a man has committed rape and the procedural issues that affect the success of rape prosecutions.
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