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Thank you for your comments and feedback on the November 2000 issue. We are glad you enjoyed it. We received most comment about Professor Corkery's article on The Rule of Law. This is heartening as the rule of law is so fundamental to our legal system though we tend to overlook its significance in preserving our liberty.

This issue we investigate how the new frontiers of science are impacting on criminal law through DNA testing. Assistant Professor Robyn Lincoln raises a number of significant legal and policy issues in her article "Human Rights (and Wrongs) of DNA Testing and Evidence". We revisit the unfolding drama of Napster in Professor Van Caenegem's update on this issue. My article on "Concepts of Property" deals with one of the most fundamental legal concepts that we all deal with every day:

Associate Professors McCabe and Lauchland discuss some interesting points dealing with the relationship between the individual and state in their article on "The State, the individual and rights" while Professor McCabe revisits consumer issues when he looks at "The effectiveness of the legal system in protecting the rights of consumers".

I hope this issue is interesting and informative. We look forward to your feedback.

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## Did you know

If you have ever been nervous about speaking in public or doing something for the first time consider how these well known people performed:

Mahatma Ghandi, the persuasive orator and founder of Indian independence, trained as a lawyer in Britain. He fainted in his first court appearance as an advocate.

Richard Burton, the stage and screen actor, experienced nerves all his acting life. He found ways to control them. Sir Laurence Olivier also suffered from severe stage fright from time to time.

Sir Harry Gibbs, former Chief Justice of the Australian High Court, went to his first Magistrate's Court appearance, quoting a long string of learned authorities before his unimpressed Worship. Gibbs' opponent "won the case, putting it down to a triumph of local knowledge and know-how over erudition and inexperience." Priest, Sir Harry Gibbs: Without Fear or Favour (Scribblers Publishing 1995) 21.

