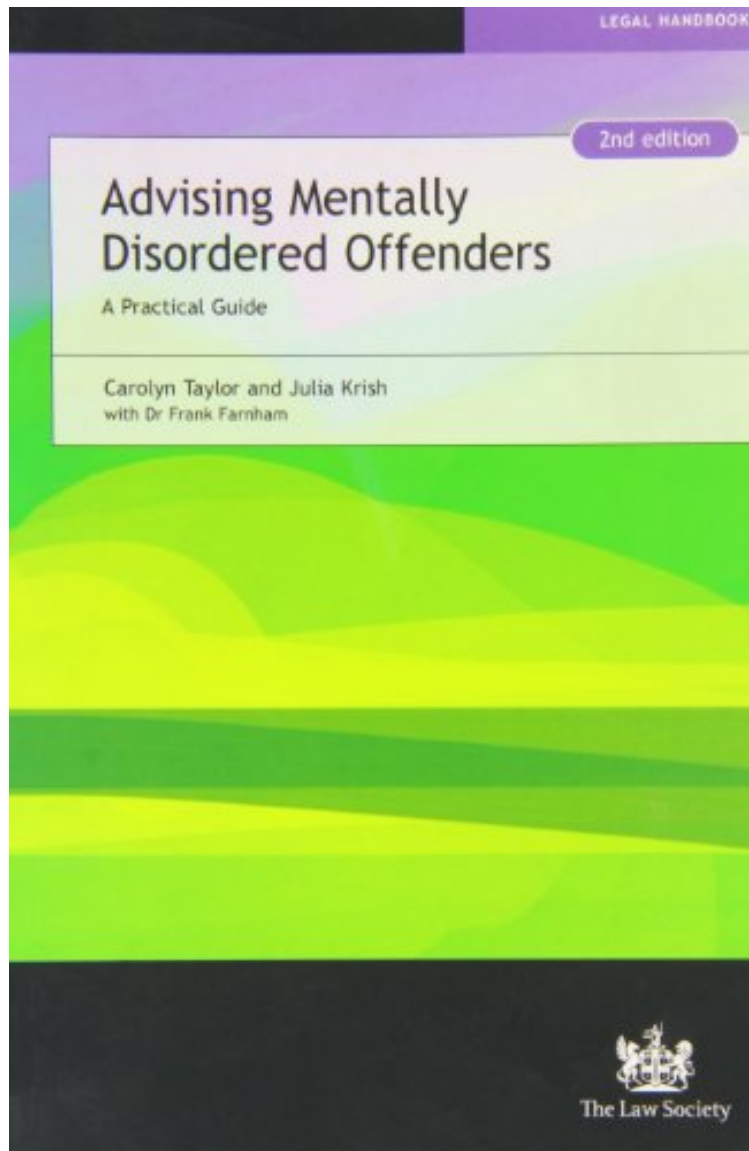


Advising Mentally Disordered Offenders: A Practical Guide

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Most criminal practitioners will encounter clients with mental health difficulties. It is important that duty solicitors, criminal practitioners, solicitor-advocates and barristers are able to recognise the signs and understand the correct

processes and procedures in dealing with the mentally disordered offender. This new edition has been fully updated to include all the changes in criminal legislation along with those introduced by the Mental Health Act 2007 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005, and expanded to include a new section on the Crown Court. The book is suitable for practitioners representing mentally disordered offenders at all stages of the criminal justice system, giving essential guidance on: the medical and legal definitions of mental disorder; procedures in the police station from interview through to charge; representation in the magistrates' court including assessments, bail, summary trials and sentencing; and proceedings in the Crown Court such as fitness to plead, diminished responsibility, insanity, preliminary hearings and disposals. Comprehensive yet concise, "Advising Mentally Disordered Offenders" contains all the pertinent information on the subject, including extracts, checklists and useful guidance and Practice Directions, making it required reading for anyone advising or representing mentally disordered offenders.

'This book acts as a very useful (and in my opinion, necessary) bridge between the two (mental health law and criminal law) and will assist criminal lawyers to recognise and apply legal provisions of especial relevance to those of their clients with mental disorders, something which of course must be very warmly welcomed.' John Horne, Editor, Journal of Mental Health
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