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Reaffirming Legal Ethics: Taking Stock and New Ideas

The contributors to this book reaffirm legal ethics. In doing so, they enable us to take stock of current thinking about the conduct of lawyers. All of the contributors assert, in no uncertain terms, the ongoing importance of legal ethics both as a practical matter concerned with the conduct of lawyers and as an area of sustained and critical scholarly inquiry. Therefore, at least in the common law world, legal ethics is viewed as a two sided enterprise. On one side are the 'laws of lawyering', the rules, regulations and disciplinary procedures that govern the practice of law in various jurisdictions. On the other side is the academic activity dedicated to understanding, probing and questioning the rules and institutions concerned with lawyers' behaviour and to articulating a coherent moral grounding for the work of lawyers. This volume brings together some of the leading thinkers on legal ethics to assert the necessity for thinking about lawyer conduct in a time of change and challenges.