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Sweet & Maxwell acquires legal publishing arm of Shaw & Sons

Sweet & Maxwell, the business information provider, has this week acquired the legal book publishing arm of Shaw & Sons Ltd, which includes over 50 titles.

As well as acquiring the well known looseleaf service *Schofield's Election Law*, Sweet & Maxwell will now publish Shaw & Sons' range of highly respected books covering such areas as local government law, property and planning.

Sweet & Maxwell, a Thomson Reuters business, will now also publish Shaw & Sons' series of market-leading comprehensive directories, including:

- *Police and Constabulary Almanac*
- *The Probation Directory incorporating Offender Management and Interventions*
- *Shaw's Directory of Courts in the United Kingdom*
- *Varsity Directory of Investigators & Process Servers*, the definitive guide to the services provided by professional investigators, process servers, bailiffs, security consultants and others

Sweet & Maxwell's Managing Director, Peter Lake, comments: "Shaw's catalogue ranges from annual directories to specialist publications aimed principally at the legal and local government sector. Many of these titles are very firmly established as strong and authoritative brands and we are delighted to be adding them to our already extensive portfolio."

"It is a very natural fit with our existing business and these titles will benefit from being backed by the resources of a company the scale of Thomson Reuters."

Shaw & Sons was founded in 1750 by the printer Henry Shaw, who rapidly expanded from printing and binding into the publication of legal forms and books.

Commenting on behalf of the Kent-based Shaw & Sons, Director Crispin Williams says: "Like us, Sweet & Maxwell have over 200 years of authoritative information publishing behind them. We are very happy that our titles have found a new home there."

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Notes to Editors:

Sweet & Maxwell (www.sweetandmaxwell.co.uk) is a leading provider of information and solutions to the legal and professional markets in the UK and Ireland. With over 200 years of

history and heritage in legal publishing, Sweet & Maxwell offers detailed and specialist knowledge, understanding, interpretation and commentary across a wide range of subjects in a variety of formats to meet customers' needs - books, journals, periodicals, looseleaves, CD-ROMs and the market leading online services, Lawtel and Westlaw UK. Sweet & Maxwell is part of Thomson Reuters.

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