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Years of Legal Publishing

1799

Stephen Sweet
begins trading as a
law bookseller

1800

Alexander Maxwell
sets up shop

1802

First publication of
*Woodfall on Landlord and
Tenant* - our oldest title
still in print

1822

First edition of *Archbold's
Criminal Cases*

1810

Stevens & Sons
starts in business

1826

First edition of
Chitty on Contracts

1844

Barristers' wigs become mandatory for court

1882

The RCJ was opened
by Queen Victoria

1883

The White Book as we know
it today is published as
The Annual Practice

1889

Sweet and Maxwell
merge their businesses

1893

First issue of *Scots Law
Times* publishes from
W. Green, in Edinburgh

1922

Ivy Williams is
the first woman
called to the Bar.
Carrie Morrison is
the first woman
admitted to the
roll of solicitors

1950

Stevens & Sons
merges with
Sweet & Maxwell.
Palmer's Company Law
and *Treitel on Contract*
are now added to the list

1956

W. Green, the Scottish Law Publisher,
becomes part of Sweet & Maxwell

1965

Elizabeth Lane DBE is the first woman to be
appointed a judge of the High Court

1980

Formation of
The Round Hall Press
in Ireland

1986

Precedents are
produced on
floppy disk

1994

Brehon Publishing and
The Round Hall Press merge
and form Round Hall
Sweet & Maxwell in Dublin

First CD-ROM publishes:
The Supreme Court Practice

2000

First books go live on Westlaw UK
including *Copinger on Copyright* and
Kerly's Law of Trade Marks and Trade Names

2008

Thomson merges with Reuters
to become Thomson Reuters

2012

The White Book and
Archbold are the first
ProView eBooks to
publish in the UK

2023

Dame Sue Carr becomes
the first Lady Chief Justice
of England and Wales

2023

Thomson Reuters launches
AI-Assisted Research in
Westlaw Precision

2024

Thomson Reuters
launches CoCounsel,
a chat-based
generative
AI assistant

Round Hall

Sweet & Maxwell

W. Green