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## **Sweet & Maxwell recruiting 50 legal experts as editors of next edition of legal dictionary**

∞ First wholesale rewrite in 30 years

Sweet & Maxwell, the information provider, is recruiting up to 50 legal experts to act as editors and contributors for the third edition of its "Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law".

The last edition of the dictionary, with roughly 20,000 entries and 2,000 pages, was published 30 years ago in 1977 with supplements in 1981 and 1985.

Chris Hendry, of Sweet & Maxwell comments: "We are very excited about this project. Jowitt has always been highly regarded internationally and, as the only truly authoritative legal dictionary of English law, we frequently get asked to undertake a new edition."

Sweet & Maxwell, a Thomson business (NYSE: TOC: TSX: TOC), says that although the legal landscape has become considerably more complex since the last edition the intention is to keep the dictionary to a practical and manageable length.

Explains Chris Hendry: "The early planning stages have taken a long time, because of the need to devise a strategy for preserving the best of the existing work and adding new entries of the same quality to bring it fully up to date."

"This is a dictionary that legal professionals and academics have to be able to rely on so it will be researched, written, cross-checked and edited to the highest and most robust of standards. We are confident that the result will be worth waiting for."

Lawyers interested in the project (whether barristers or solicitors in practice, academics or others) can obtain details about the editorial policy and the procedure for preparing the new edition from the General Editor, Daniel Greenberg\*, Parliamentary Counsel, 36 Whitehall London SW1A 2AY (dgreenberg@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk).

Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law was first published in 1959. The General Editor was the Earl Jowitt, a former Lord Chancellor, although the dictionary was published posthumously.

Jowitt contains all the terms fundamental to the structure and mechanism of English law - from "abandonment" in its many different contexts to more technical terms such as zoonoses (health risks that can be transmitted from animals to humans).

Other lesser used terms from the last edition include "reception", "matelotage", "recognitors" and "compurgation".

\*Daniel Greenberg is a barrister and member of the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel. He is the editor of Stroud's Judicial Dictionary (7th Edn. 2006) and Craies on Legislation (8th Edn. 2004).

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### Notes to Editors:

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