

Note from the Editors

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This issue of the Journal of Consumer Policy is the last to have Stephen Weatherill as one of the co-editors. However, it is by no means the last issue that will reflect the impact that he has had on the journal. Steve was involved with the leadership of the journal during a time of unprecedented growth in globalization, the rising importance of the European Union and European Community Law, the adoption of the Euro currency, and the rising influence of the World Trade Organization and global trade on how consumer protection law is interpreted and implemented. His expertise and tireless efforts to keep readers abreast of the academic legal literature that addresses these trends and developments have been a key to the success of the journal. Not only has he himself made a plethora of contributions to our understanding of European Community Law and consumer protection, but through his roles as book editor and then co-editor of the journal he has shaped and informed countless numbers of papers and book reviews that have been published in the journal. His influence will undoubtedly continue as the journal will continue to be depository for work related to these topics. This is especially true as his influence shaped the type of first-rate scholars that we sought to replace him. On the less academic side, the editors are especially thankful for Steve's sense of humor, his collaborative work style, and his willingness to host numerous editors meetings in Oxford. We are particularly thankful for his long standing dedication to the journal, perhaps only to be surpassed by his passion for soccer. We are sure that Steve would not mind if we drew a parallel between his contribution to the development of the journal and that of recent managers of his football (soccer) team, Hull

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City, which has now reached the lofty heights of the English Premier League. We are delighted that Steve has agreed to serve on the Editorial Board of the Journal after eventually retiring as Editor at the end of 2008. We are equally delighted to report that new forces will fill his place in the team of Editors. Information about the new members of the team will be communicated in the first issue of 2009.