

ON PHILOSOPHY AND LAW

One of the most interesting developments in recent years has been the increasing attention paid to the law by professional philosophers...

Jurisprudence, at least in its Anglo-American version, has suffered for too long through having little or no contact with professional philosophy. *Competent legal scholars who venture into the field of legal theory often make blunders that a disciplined training in philosophy would have led them to avoid. But, correspondingly, philosophers may make very naïve or misconceived appraisals of problems in legal theory simply through knowing too little law. They need to work, together if only to correct each other's mistakes and there are now plenty encouraging signs that, if not actually collaborating, lawyers and philosophers are at least paying attention to what the other has to say. This in itself deserves to be ranked as a success for the linguistic analytic movement.*

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