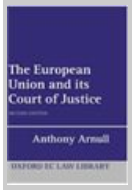


Professor Arnall Cited by Supreme Court in Assange Case

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Tony Arnall's well-known book, *The European Union and its Court of Justice* (OUP, 2nd ed, 2006), was cited by Lord Mance in his dissenting judgment in *Assange v The Swedish Prosecution Authority* (30 May 2012).



Julian Assange, the founder of the [WikiLeaks website \(http://www.wikileaks.org\)](http://www.wikileaks.org), was challenging his extradition from England to Sweden in connection with an investigation there into alleged sexual offences. One of the main planks of his challenge was that a European Arrest Warrant signed off by a Swedish Public Prosecutor was invalid because it had not been issued by a 'judicial authority', as required by the EU Framework Decision introducing such warrants. By a majority of 5 to 2, the Supreme Court rejected that claim.

The book is a detailed examination of the contribution made by the European Court of Justice to shaping the legal framework within which the European Union operates.

A reviewer of the second edition commented: 'The first edition was very well received and has entirely deservedly become a standard work on the Court of Justice... The author writes about the Court as about an old friend: generous in recognizing qualities, but not afraid to criticize shortcomings...'

The passage from the book cited by Lord Mance is contained in a chapter dealing with the approach taken by the Court to the interpretation of written provisions of Union law.

Further information about the Assange Case can be read at the [Supreme Court website \(http://www.supremecourt.gov.uk/news/julian-assange-v-swedish-judicial-authority-judgment.html\)](http://www.supremecourt.gov.uk/news/julian-assange-v-swedish-judicial-authority-judgment.html).

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