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## **Plagiarism Detection Software - Implications for Law Schools.**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The Internet has broadened the scope of legal resources available to students to assist them in their learning. Unfortunately, it also offers opportunities for some students to plagiarise materials for assignment submission or to utilise the services of so called 'cheat sites'. In both cases it is increasingly difficult for tutors to spot instances of plagiarism either because of the sheer volume of materials available or because an assignment obtained from a cheat site will, on the face of it, appear plausible. This paper is based upon the experiences of Staffordshire University Law School piloting the use of 'Turnitin' plagiarism detection software (as part of a JISC funded project). It will examine its effectiveness and its impact on staff and students and the potential for its wider adoption.

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