

An aerial photograph of a town and its surrounding landscape. The town is a dense cluster of buildings, mostly residential, with a few larger commercial or industrial structures. It is surrounded by a patchwork of green and brown fields, some of which are divided by roads or fences. In the background, there are rolling hills under a cloudy sky. The overall tone is somewhat muted, with a mix of greens, browns, and greys.

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Preface

to the Third Edition

Developments have occurred in a number of areas of land law since the previous edition of this book. Of particular importance have been the decisions in *Federated Homes v. Mill Lodge Properties Ltd.*, various decisions in the field of equitable licences, and the decision in *Williams and Glyn's Bank v. Boland*. To accommodate these developments the chapters on Covenants, Co-ownership, and Registered Land have been substantially re-written, and the chapter on Licences has been re-written in its entirety.

Other changes in the law have been required by the Limitation Act 1980 and the Matrimonial Homes and Property Act 1981. The continued erosion by the Court of Appeal of the principle of adverse possession, and the failure of the former Act to halt this process, are noted in Chapter 23.

Decisions which have supplemented our knowledge of the law have included, on co-ownership, *Re Evers' Trust*, *Bernard v. Josephs* and *Re Holliday (A Bankrupt)* (Chapter 10); on easements, *Cargill v. Gotts* and *Nickerson v. Barraclough* (Chapter 17); on mortgages, *Multiservice Bookbinding Ltd. v. Marsden and Lyus v. Prowsa* (Chapter 22); on the registration of land charges, *Pritchard v. Briggs*, *Midland Bank Ltd. v. Green and Taylor Fashions Ltd. v. Liverpool Victoria Trustees Co. Ltd.* (Chapter 24); and on registered land, *Blacklocks v. J.B. Developments (Godalming) Ltd.* and *Spectrum Investment Co. v. Holmes* (Chapter 25).

The opportunity presented by this new edition has been taken to make various changes and to expand the treatment of certain topics, in particular, that of registered land.

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