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The latest edition of this book has been necessitated by the continuing spate of new legislation and cases. For example, the Courts Act 1971, has necessitated a wholesale revision and rewriting of the sections of the book dealing with the judicial system. Less radical revisions have been necessitated by the Animals Act 1971, the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971, the Industrial Relations Act 1971, the Defective Premises Act 1972, the Legal Advice and Assistance Act 1972 and the European Communities Act 1972.

In addition a number of new cases have demanded inclusion, such as *Saunders v. Anglia Building Society* (1971) and *Lewis v. Averay* (1971), to name but two. I have also utilised the opportunity to improve (I hope) and amend various passages of the book, and am grateful to the publishers for their co-operative—and patient—attitude.

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Preface to the Fifth Edition

It has now been some years since the fourth edition of Mr. Redmond's *General Principles of English Law* appeared. In the meantime, many changes in the law, several of them major, have occurred.

Whilst the rewriting of several complete sections of the book has been necessitated by recent developments and in particular, by recent legislation, including the Criminal Law Act 1977, the Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977, and the Theft Act 1978, every effort has been made to retain the general scheme and concise approach of previous editions. This task has not been made easy by the accumulation of case-law, which has frequently extended or added to the law, permitting little excision of older material.

The overall purpose of the book remains much the same; it is hoped that it will be found useful by "A" Level and university students as well as those studying for professional examinations, including those students for whom law forms only part of their course.

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