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Preface

The subject matter of 'commercial law' necessarily moves with the commerce of the times. Some concepts, however, remain fundamental. The aim of this work is to describe in a concise and readily understood manner those concepts fundamental to commercial law, important applications of those concepts, and other discrete areas of law relevant to modern commerce.

The work commences with a detailed consideration of personal property law, including the nature of personal property, the concepts of possession and ownership, and the acquisition of title to personal property.

The work on sale of goods, comprising Chapters 6 and 7, finds its genesis in personal property concepts, but goes on to consider other important areas including implied terms under the Sale of Goods and Trade Practices legislation and the transfer of title.

The law relating to bailment is considered in a form consistent with the modern approach to the law in that area.

Agency, a subject of universal relevance to commercial life, is considered at length, as are other areas of practical importance including guarantees, e-commerce and insurance.

This work, it is hoped, will distinguish itself from other works on similar topics by its clarity of expression, its depth of coverage on a wide variety of fundamental and practical topics, and the conciseness of its language.

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Finally, I dedicate the book to my husband, Roger, and to our children, Nicholas, Annabelle and Charlotte.

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