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PREFACE

This university edition of the Law and Practice of International Finance is based on post-graduate courses and lectures which I give at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the London School of Economics and Political Science and Queen Mary College, London. The material is drawn from my series of seven works listed in the frontispiece to this book.

The object is in a single volume to cover the entire scope of international finance and to do so on a comparative and world-wide basis. The emphasis is on the policies, the law and the transactions in practice. Doctrine, data, deals. Each throws light on the other.

I have cross-referred to the above seven works so that students can take the matter further.

Readers may also find my *Maps of World Financial Law* (6th edn, Sweet and Maxwell, 2007) useful in portraying in colour some of the concepts dealt with in this book. The maps book also contains a bibliography.

Each chapter could form the basis of a single lecture. Each group of chapters is followed by some questions and seminar topics.

When I was a student I found exams an unpleasant experience. I resolved that, whatever I wrote, I would try to simplify as best I could without obfuscation. I have also sought to distil the information and to set it out in a way which aids memory. My aim is to get students to where I am as quickly as possible so that they can then leap forwards.

I think that this is an exciting and important area of the law.

I am grateful to the many people whose work has helped me in preparing this book and to my students over the years. As always, I am grateful to my family for their forbearance.

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