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Preface

This CASEBOOK does not aim to be a comprehensive text on consumer protection law—most of which is statutory anyway. Instead it is hoped that it will be a signpost to how the courts have approached legal problems arising in areas of law that affect, one way or another, the consumer. Consequently much emphasis is placed on the principles of common law and equity and on how these principles have been adapted over the last 100 years to cope with the rise of a consumer society.

It is intended that the book will appeal to law students other than those in the fields of sale of goods, credit and security, consumer protection and the like and I have therefore chosen some of the judgments with an eye to those interested in legal method and the common law in general. But a more ambitious aim is that the book should also appeal to the inquiring lay person and to students of non-legal disciplines: casebooks present an ideal opportunity for lawyers to make accessible details of linguistic, moral, political and social problems that one part of our society has to face, and make decisions upon, as a matter of everyday occupation. And it is surely desirable that these decisions should increasingly come under the scrutiny of non-lawyers.

One final point. If this CASEBOOK reads a little like an author's "Hundred Best Cases" (as one manuscript reader has suggested) then so much the better; for there is no reason why old favourites should be confined to Radio 4.

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List of Abbreviations

C.C.A. 1974	Consumer Credit Act 1974
C.L.J.	<i>Cambridge Law Journal</i>
C.L.L.R.	<i>City of London Law Review</i>
C.L.P.	<i>Current Legal Problems</i>
C.P.A. 1961	Consumer Protection Act 1961
C.S.A. 1978	Consumer Safety Act 1978
Col.L.Rev.	<i>Columbia Law Review</i>
F.A. 1889	Factors Act 1889
F.D.A. 1955	Food and Drugs Act 1955
F.T.A. 1973	Fair Trading Act 1973
H.P.A. 1964	Hire Purchase Act 1964
H.P.A. 1965	Hire Purchase Act 1965
L.P.A. 1925	Law of Property Act 1925
L.Q.R.	<i>Law Quarterly Review</i>
M.A. 1967	Misrepresentation Act 1967
M.L.R.	<i>Modern Law Review</i>
S.G.A. 1893	Sale of Goods Act 1893
S.G.(I.T.)A. 1973	Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973
T.D.A. 1968	Trade Descriptions Act 1968
T.(I.G.)A. 1977	Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977
U.C.T.A. 1977	Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977

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