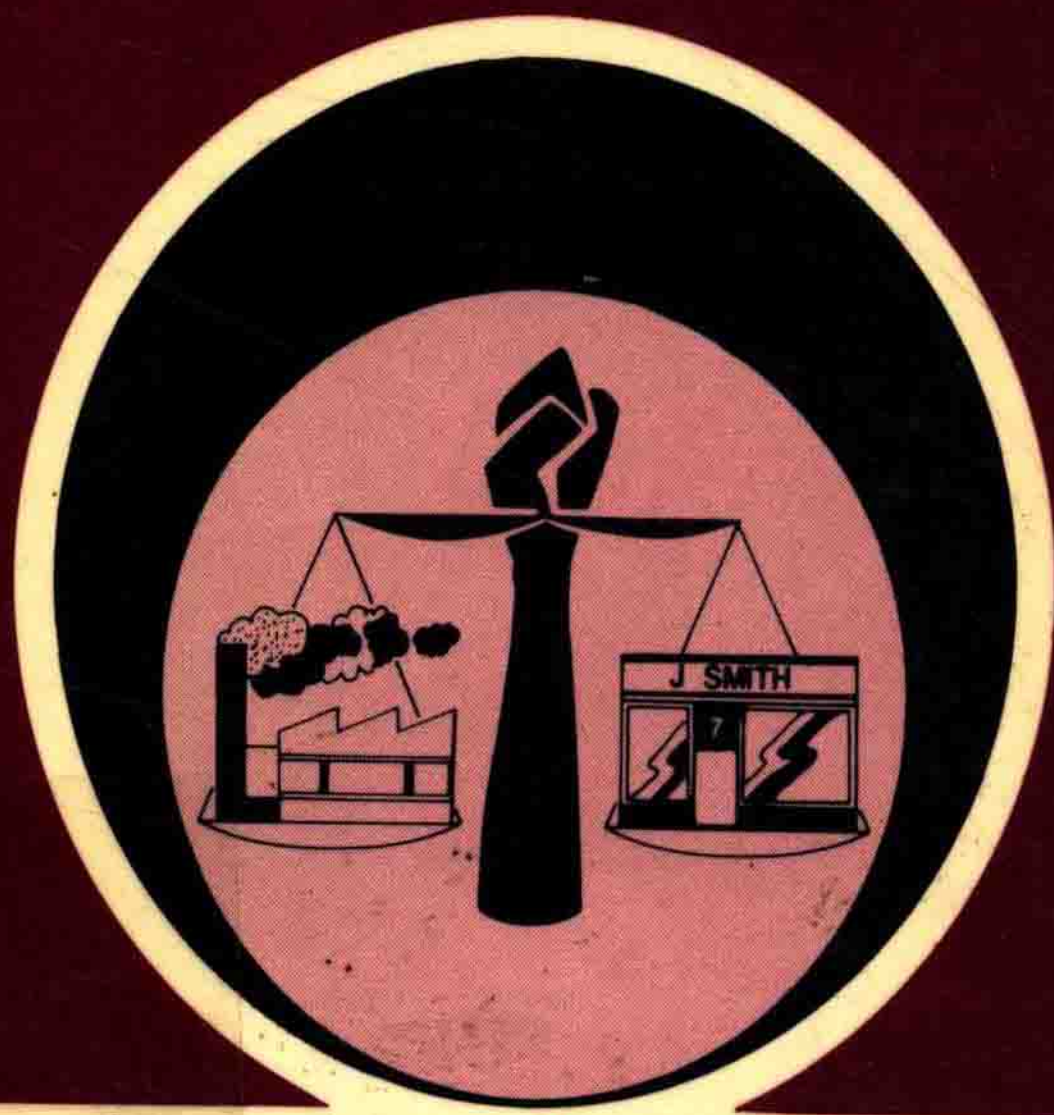


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Preface to the Second Edition

This HANDBOOK attempts to present the outlines of commercial and industrial law in one volume. These areas of law have been subject to considerable review by Parliament since the last edition of this book. The Sale of Goods Act 1979 and the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 merely consolidated the existing law, while the Estate Agents Act 1979 and the Competition Act 1980 have clarified and amplified the previous provisions. The major changes are to be found, first, in VI as a result of the Arbitration Act 1979 and, second, in VIII, IX and X as a result of the Employment Act 1980. The Government has published discussion documents on industrial injuries benefit, sickness benefit, maternity provisions and trade union immunities. However, maternity provisions are not going to be altered at least in the near future, while it appears that the proposed changes in the sickness benefit scheme are to be postponed. Nevertheless, the Social Security Act 1980 and the Social Security (No. 2) Act 1980 have already undermined some of the basic principles of the social security system. The Social Security Bill 1981 and the Industrial Diseases (Notification) Bill 1981 have received a second reading in the House of Commons. The latter is a Private Member's Bill.

I have tried to explain these and other changes simply but comprehensively, so that students preparing for examinations in commercial and industrial law will find in this book a useful supplement to the standard textbooks, both for initial learning and for examination revision. The new edition includes an index of statutes and examples of past examination questions. I would like to thank the Institute of Legal Executives, the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants for allowing me to reproduce

selected questions from their past examination papers. I hope that these additions are of assistance to the reader.

The book is suitable for professional examinations such as the Commercial Law paper in the Fellowship Examination of the Institute of Legal Executives, or the Industrial Law paper for the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. It would also be useful for the Business Law paper in the Foundation Stage of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants as well as for appropriate BEC syllabuses. Personnel officers, office and factory administrators and small businessmen should find a basic introduction to relevant areas of law within these pages.

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