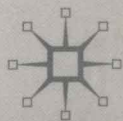


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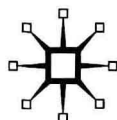
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# Preface

In accordance with the aims of the Palgrave Macmillan Law Masters series, this book is intended as an introduction to the basic principles of company law. We have endeavoured to state the law in clear and simple terms throughout.

In common with the other books in the series, the book contains features designed to help those studying this subject for the first time. These include Key words highlighted at the start of each chapter, Hot Topics where an issue is currently under review or very recent, and Case notes at the end of most chapters which give a short account of the facts and decisions in key cases. A number of points for further consideration are included in the Exercises at the end of each chapter.

I am very happy to have as joint author Dr Marios Koutsias who has taught company law with me at Essex University for a number of years and is currently a research assistant at Queen Mary College London. The sixth edition of the book proved to be particularly challenging as the Companies Act 2006 received royal assent in December 2006. It will be implemented over the next two years and the government is forecasting that it will be fully in force in 2008. During this period of uncertainty we have chosen to alter the text to take account of the new law in most cases. The exceptions are areas where we are awaiting implementing legislation (such as model articles) and areas such as registration of charges where there is a long history of legislation which was passed but never came into force. Readers are cautioned to check whether the relevant sections have been implemented before relying on the text as representing the law in force. This can be done by referring to the website of the Department of Trade and Industry: [www.dti.gov.uk/](http://www.dti.gov.uk/)

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