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# **Preface**

The idea for a two volume work in banking law, the first of which deals with domestic banking law and the second dealing with international banking law, arose out of a series of meetings between Graham Penn and Don Fiddes, a former Director of Studies at the Chartered Institute of Bankers, who were both concerned about the absence of an up-to-date text which covered the entire spectrum of banking law. It soon became clear that such a project would require the specialist knowledge of more than one individual, hence Tony Shea and Anu Arora were invited to "join the team" of authors.

This new work was originally conceived as being intended for degree and post-graduate students and for practitioners who regularly find themselves engaged in this complex area of law. The emphasis in both volumes is directed firmly towards the law in practice, and it is hoped that those who concern themselves with banking law, in its broadest sense, will find some of the answers to the often difficult questions which arise. Where the material fails to provide an answer we hope it will at least lead to other sources, and thus assist in solving practical banking law problems, hence the heavy referencing which is to be found throughout both volumes.

The original conception became slightly altered during production in order that the two volumes would cover the Chartered Institute of Bankers' examinations in both Law Relating to Banking and Practice and Law of International Banking. This slight change in emphasis has led to the omission of some material but the addition of other new chapters, namely, the sizeable chapters on Securities and Insolvency, and the expansion of the original material dealing with Agency, Partnerships and Corporate Customers.

Anybody who writes a book of this sort could not possibly start without the benefit of the learning of others. We have relied heavily upon a number or articles (many of which are acknowledged in the footnotes), and upon the publications listed in the Table of Abbreviations. Special mention must be made, however, of Philip Wood's excellent book, *Law and Practice of International Finance* and of the *Encyclopaedia of Banking Law* which provides the most comprehensive coverage of English Banking Law presently available.

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