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Authors' Preface

The bulk of this work consists of an account of the law of criminal breach of trust, together with details of empirical research into certain aspects of that offence. The early part of the book contains a brief, general description of the law of breach of trust, i.e., in the context of the law of trusts rather than the law of crime.

The reader may legitimately ask what purpose is to be served by such treatment, as, apart from the accident of nomenclature, the two sets of rules appear on the face of it to have little in common. Criminal breach of trust extends far beyond trusts in the conventional sense; and a trustee can be chargeable with breach of trust because of a mere technicality, intended, perhaps to benefit the trust. The object of the law of "civil" breach of trust is to compensate the trust estate for loss, while criminal breach of trust reflects the various goals of the criminal law. Hence, quite different considerations are likely to apply in the two situations.

Nevertheless, both "civil" and criminal breach of trust deal, in the broadest sense, with the misapplication of property belonging to another, and for that reason, the authors feel that they can legitimately be dealt with together.

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