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This Edition is respectfully dedicated
to the memory of
Dennis Michael Millie Scott

Preface to the sixth edition

It is with a deep feeling of sadness that I write the Preface to the sixth edition of this textbook. In August 1983 my co-author, Mike Scott, died suddenly and unexpectedly while working on this edition. It is to his memory that this edition is respectfully dedicated.

In the preparation of the new edition I have been joined by my colleague at Manchester Polytechnic, Peter Pace. We have each been responsible for the preparation of different sections of the work but are jointly responsible for the whole.

The passage of time has meant that updating has become necessary. The radical change in the A.E.B.'s syllabus and the advent of the J.M.B.'s syllabus have meant that a new edition has been delayed while these new syllabi could be digested, bearing in mind the needs of the student and the particular problems of the textbook writer. New material has been added throughout each of the existing chapters (apart from two chapters deleted) and new sections and chapters have been added. The whole work has undergone rearrangement.

No *one* book ever does, or indeed should, cover all the subject-matter of an 'A' Level syllabus. As examiners at different levels for the G.C.E. and others for over 20 years it is our belief that this edition forms a most suitable basic text which covers the groundwork and which will hold the subject together.

For further reading a short selection of other works has been added in an Appendix. Other appendices give guidance on how to approach the study of law and develop a good examination technique, with sample papers as examples.

Our gratitude is expressed to both the Joint Matriculation Board and the Associated Examining Board for kind permission to reproduce the questions from their papers appearing in Appendix 2.

At the last moment the opportunity has been taken to include the Occupiers' Liability Act 1984. Generally, the law stated is as it was available to us at the beginning of April 1984.

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Preface to the first edition

The justification for this book lies in the fact that at present there is no text book on the market specifically designed for the needs of students preparing for the General Certificate of Education law paper at 'A' level of the Associated Examining Board. 'A' level students for any subject require a basic textbook which provides an adequate treatment of the whole syllabus. This type of book we have attempted to write. For this reason the book has been divided into two parts corresponding to the two papers of the 'A' level examination. This means that a much more detailed treatment than is usual in a textbook on the general principles of English law has been given to the law of contract which forms the subject matter of Paper II. We have also emphasised the historical growth of the law and its institutions.

As this book is written for students in colleges and schools which are unlikely to have the facilities of a law library where reference to law reports and other legal literature can be followed up, we have tried to avoid the usual array of citations which are commonly found in legal textbooks. It has thus been our standard policy to confine our citations in the text to the name and year of a case only, but for the benefit of teachers and others who may wish to have appropriate references our publishers have kindly compiled a list of cases and statutes where these may be found.

Our gratitude is due to all who have influenced our own learning – our tutors, our colleagues and our students. In particular we would like to thank Mr Barber, a student of Holborn College, who prepared the table on pages 94–97, Mr David Kobrin, LLB, our much respected colleague and Lecturer in the Commerce Department of Holborn College who did us the great service of critically and constructively reading a large part of the first draft, Mrs Lorna M. Sim who typed part of the manuscript and Mrs Anne-Marie Scott, L-ès-L, for constructive literary criticism of part of the work. Finally, our thanks are due to Mr Kay Jones, Mr Partridge, and Mr Harrison of Butterworths for their guidance and tolerance at all times.

Errors and omissions are our sole responsibility, and it has been our aim to state the law as it existed on 1 September 1964.

It is our hope that in addition to providing students with a suitable textbook we have awakened a feeling for the law and an interest in its study which will inspire them to greater things.

October, 1964

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D.M.M.S.

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