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PREFACE

A knowledge of the English legal system and the associated mechanics of legal reasoning is becoming increasingly important for law students in countries other than the United Kingdom. This book provides an introduction to the English legal system and the means to develop the language and analytical skills which form an essential part of legal study.

The two purposes of this textbook are therefore:
1. to provide factual knowledge;
2. to develop the necessary language and analytical skills.

It specifically addresses the needs of overseas students with no previous knowledge of the English legal system or law. These will include:
1. students whose first language is not English, attending a higher education institution overseas whose studies require a background knowledge of the English legal system;
2. overseas students with an Upper – Intermediate level of English, wishing to apply to a British institution of higher education to study law;
3. overseas students with an Intermediate level of English, studying law at pre – degree or undergraduate level at a British institution of higher education;
4. students studying without a teacher.

This book begins by introducing some general features of the English legal system which will provide a background to the following topics. The legal system is the set within the constitutional framework with an examination of important constitutional concepts and with particular reference to the constitutional position of the judiciary.

Some chapters are concerned with the institutions of the legal system: source of law, the judiciary and the jury, the courts etc. Discussion is then centred on the subject of law reform. Each topic
is set within its social context by introducing relevant areas of debate and discussion.

It is important to note that, although for the purposes of convenience and structure each topic is dealt with under a separate title, the aim is to produce an overview of the English legal system and an awareness of the overlap between each subject.

Language work develops from the texts which were chosen for their relevance to the study of law and not as springboards for language exercises. Consequently, this book cannot provide comprehensive coverage of English grammar; the exercises provided concentrate on those reading, writing and study skills which are clearly necessary for academic study in the field of law. This book is very useful for students of law. Which will help them understand English Law and Business.
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Introduction

There is no civil code in England; English civil law comprises of essentially legislation by Parliament and decisions by the courts. More information. Information about appeals for victims of crime and their families.

This book takes English for Law in a new direction. It is based on consultations with international lawyers as to what skills practising lawyers really need to achieve from their English language studies. Its unique style and approach is the result of hundreds of teaching hours with lawyers and law students from around the world.

This book: I assumes no existing knowledge of law or legal English by either students or teachers. It explains legal vocabulary in a refreshingly clear way. It builds skills and confidence in legal English from a realistic starting point. It does not ask students to be