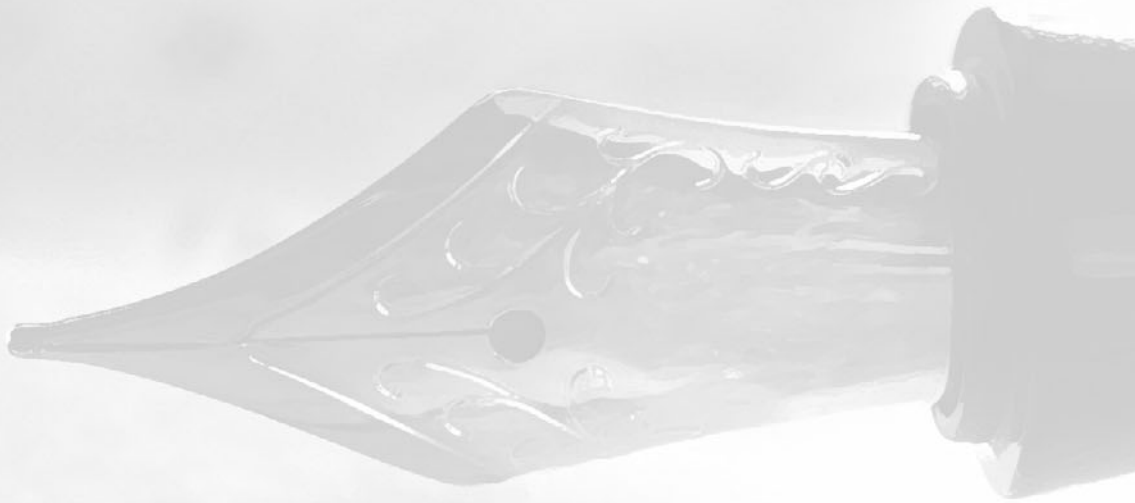


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# Preface

This book is aimed primarily at students on A Level Law courses, of whatever examining board, but there is no reason why it should not be used by any first-time student of contract law.

The book is obviously a companion to the very successful textbooks on *The English Legal System* by Jacqueline Martin and on *Criminal Law* by Diana Roe and to my own *Tort Law*.

Contract law is mostly a common law subject although some areas have been subject to some statutory intervention, particularly in areas of consumer protection. As a result, much of the book is devoted to cases and case notes, and these are separated out in the text for easy reference.

Since the book is also intended to be a practical learning resource rather than a prose-heavy text, each section of the book contains 'activities' of different types. These include 'self-assessment questions', some of which are mere comprehension exercises, while others are designed to be more thought-provoking. A variety of other activities, such as quick quizzes, multiple choice tests, case tests etc., are also included to encourage maximum interaction.

From September 2006 OCR A Level Law has moved to a 4-module specification with first teaching of the new A2 from September 2007. The new option papers at A2 include a new model of assessment, the 'dilemma board' objective questioning. In the exam this will take the form of a factual scenario followed by four propositions, with candidates having to use pure legal reasoning to support or reject these propositions. I have often used dilemma boards with students in a more diagrammatic form. Examples of dilemma boards for practice are produced here for most chapters of the book and the appropriate answers are given in an appendix at the back of the book.

Each section of the book also contains a Key Fact chart summarising the most important points contained in the section, and these can also act as a revision aid. Wherever they would meaningfully add to the text and aid learning, I have also included diagrams or flow charts.

Many chapters also contain sections entitled 'Points for discussion' or 'Comment'. These occur where there are controversial points that are often the subject of essay titles in examinations.

Finally, a number of chapters also contain a brief explanation of how to attempt either an essay or a problem question on the area.

The final chapter provides insight into how to deal with the synoptic element of both OCR and AQA specifications.

Once again, I hope that you will gain as much enjoyment in reading about contract law and answering the various questions in the book as I have had in writing it, and that you gain much enjoyment and interest from your study of the law.

The law is stated as I believe it to be on 31st March 2007.

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