

PREFACE.

Throughout this text I seek to use gender-inclusive language, unless specifically discussing the position of women or men. A number of the sources I use, particularly legal materials and the writings of some legal writers, prefer to use “men” or “man” as pronouns of indeterminate gender. Rather than insert amendments to these texts throughout, I have left these as they appear in the original. In relation to citation, I have generally used the standard style of most British legal writers, which makes extensive use of footnotes to refer to both primary and secondary sources. For formal references I have given full titles for journals, on the basis that a comprehensive list of abbreviations will often not be available to readers; in relation to primary materials I have retained the normal abbreviations, on the basis that access to these sources will be accompanied by access to the standard tables of abbreviations.

I have endeavoured to state the law as of the 1st of May 2001.