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## FOREWORD

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This publication requires no recommendation from a person who has made no contribution to its content. Nevertheless, I do not wish to miss the opportunity given to me to do so.

The practical utility of a work such as this is found in the structure which it bears on its face. As a practitioner and as a judge it is often the case that the quickest way into a legal issue is through the section of the Act which falls to be considered. In Corporations Law I cut my forensic teeth on *Wallace & Young* and the somberly dark brown volumes of the *Patterson & Ednie* loose leaf service. The identification, section by section, of the principal cases on the section together with a pithy but accurate summary of the propositions established in the case law was, and is, an invaluable tool.

The second reason why this work requires no commendation is the reputation of the authors. They will forgive me for pointing out that, between them, for a period of about seven decades they have focused a considerable portion of their intellectual energy on every dimension of Corporations Law: teaching, advising, drafting, publishing and adjudicating, not to mention reading and rereading hundreds of thousands of pages of cases, texts and articles in the field. This considerable body of erudition, manifest in the authors' other publications, is now available in a format which will be welcomed by other practitioners for the purpose of elucidating the complexities of this area of the law.