Preface

The Sir Maurice Byers lecture was inaugurated to commemorate the distinguished life of this great advocate. It is a mark of the reverence in which Sir Maurice is held that the lecture which bears his name has been delivered by such eminent jurists.

In editing the speeches we have, at times, supplemented the footnotes and, here and there, made minor alterations and corrections of a non-substantive kind. Where the law has changed since the delivery of the speech we have noted this in the introductory piece which accompanies each address.

We hope that this book will be useful to those who are interested in constitutional law. We certainly found its editing instructive.

The law is current as at 31 July 2012.

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