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PREFACE

A constant flow of case law on equity and trusts has necessitated the revision of nearly every chapter of this edition. Recent decisions meriting lengthy extracts include *Smethurst v Commissioner of Police* [2020] HCA 14 on injunctions and *Caron v Jabani (No 2)* [2020] NSWCA 117 on the intermediate balance rule in tracing. The last decision is a reminder that decisions of intermediate appeal courts remain an important source of equity jurisprudence. Where differences between State and Territory law are relevant – for example, with respect to provisions of trustee legislation – notes to extracted cases explain the differences.

Like its predecessor, this edition has been designed as a companion to *Equity and Trusts in Australia*, third edition, published by Cambridge University Press in 2022. Students will derive the greatest benefit from working with both books, but this Sourcebook has been designed as a freestanding teaching resource for equity teachers and students who prefer to work only from primary legal materials. Like the textbook, the Sourcebook has been written with the conviction that an understanding of equitable doctrine must rest on a secure knowledge of the principles that inform the award of equitable remedies – hence the early chapters devoted to an analysis of the principles governing the award of equitable relief.

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