Preface

This relatively short book is designed as an independent work in itself and as a collection of cases and materials to complement both my *Rethinking Legal Reasoning* monograph (Edward Elgar, forthcoming) and my *A Short Introduction to the Common Law* (Edward Elgar, 2013). The cases and materials are linked by text in order that the book has a flow, and can thus be used as an independent introductory work; but this text will not venture into quite the same analytical depth as in the *Rethinking* work. In fact this present collection of materials, and the text that links them, grew out of a series of lectures delivered to first-year students at the Kent Law School in 2014. It should therefore be suitable for students who are starting out on their law programmes, as well as for students who would like to examine judging and legal reasoning in more depth.

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