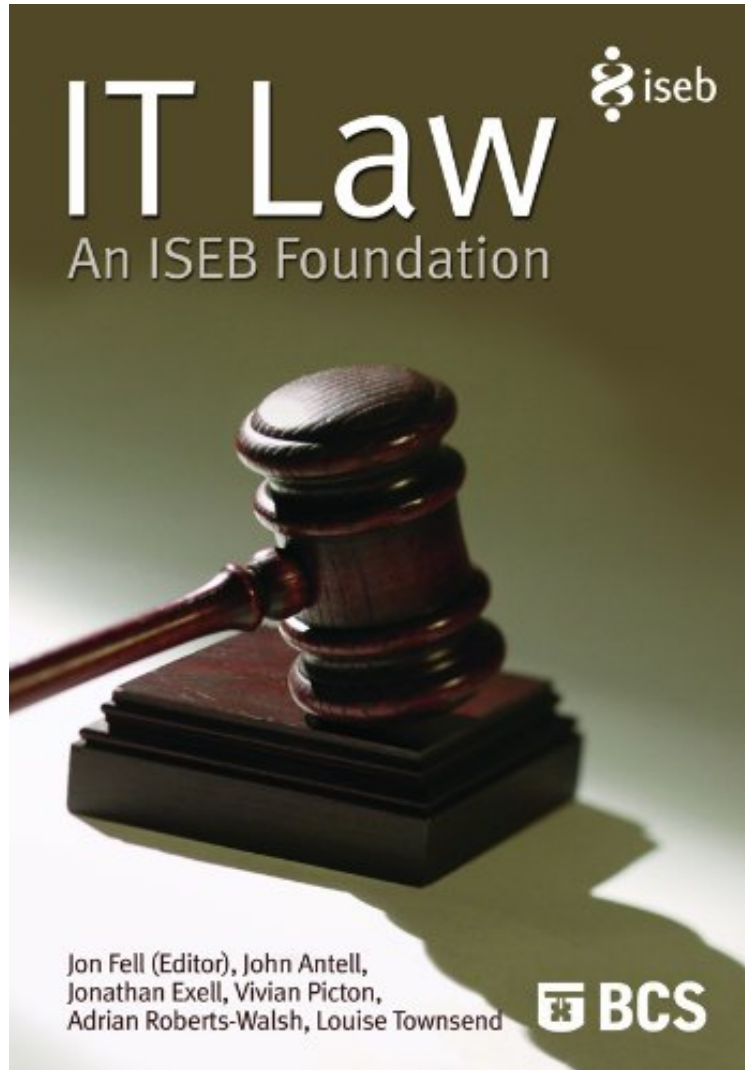


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recommended for UK readers as the law covered is primarily the law as it affects the UK (English law and European law). I was slightly annoyed by the chapter on IPR which at times became something of a soap box for a unified EU law on software patents against the alleged interference of open source proponents. A challenging voice asking, for instance, whether such an important bill should really have been introduced as a rider on a fisheries bill, rather than meriting fuller consideration in its own legislation, would have been appreciated. It also argued that as we have patents on software, including an example in the book of patented spreadsheets that slipped through because they were dressed up as hardware, the patent law should simply be regularised across Europe. The possibility that people might argue that such patents should simply not be allowed because they serve no purpose was not considered. However space is limited in the book and it would have probably been better to omit the soapbox altogether.

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The authors have met their objectives, as it is a book that provides an overview of some of the key legal issues faced by IT professionals today. In summary, this book is suitable for IT professionals and managers seeking to understand the legal issues and pitfalls within the IT sector.--Uma Kanagaratnam "IT Training, Autumn 2008 "About the AuthorThe authors are specialists in IT and related Law and helped produce the syllabus for the ISEB Foundation Certificate in IT Law.