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Technology Law: Cases, Commentary and Materials

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This book provides a helpful collation of the main commentary, legislation and case law across the diverse areas of law regulating technology. After an overview of technology law and regulatory theory, it steps through a range of important areas, including privacy, law enforcement, cyber security, artificial intelligence, intellectual property and the use of technology in business, communications and medicine. In each of these, the book extracts sections of the most important commentary and judicial reasoning, with prompts for the reader to evaluate the broader context and potential developments. The chapters discuss contentious issues such as facial recognition, bitcoin, and human cloning and gene editing. Each chapter contains a set of questions at the end designed to strengthen the reader's understanding of and reflection on the legal issues raised by technology.

Many of the issues canvassed by the book are likely to become increasingly complex in coming years. For the law to keep pace, we will need practitioners, students and academics with a strong grasp of the interrelating issues who are able to make an informed contribution to the debates on how technology should be regulated.

This book is a valuable guide to the field of technology law and is an excellent resource for the purposes of fostering discussion and encouraging insightful and practical application of, and reform of, the law.

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