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Preface

Few people involved in the building industry would not acknowledge the importance of sub-contractors in the building process yet, with one or two honourable exceptions, textbooks on construction law touch only briefly on the standard forms of sub-contract. Having spent most of my professional life advising sub-contractors (and latterly main contractors on how to manage their sub-contractors) I have set out to redress the balance in this book.

It is intended as a guide both to the general law of contract and tort as it affects sub-contractors and to the standard forms of sub-contract for use with the major JCT forms of main contract, namely JCT 80, the Intermediate Form 1984, the JCT With Contractor's Design Form 1981 and the JCT Management Contract 1987.

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I have attempted to describe the law and the position under the standard forms as at February 1994.

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