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Preface

The Trade and Commercial Law Centre in the Law School at the University of Hull was established in 2006 to reflect the fact that by then, Commercial Law had become the third major scholarly strand in the Law School alongside the fields of Public International Law and European Public Law. The growth of the School both in terms of student numbers and academic staff meant that a group of academics with a common interest in Commercial Law research was brought together at Hull. Although the research interests of each of us are quite diverse, there has been a common theme to much of our individual work, and that is the recognition that Commercial *Law*, whilst important, has its limits when it comes to the impact of the law on commercial *practice*.

In this book, we are bringing together a collection of chapters which each have a distinct theme, but taken together they explore the various instances of where the Boundaries of Commercial Law lie. Some of the chapters reflect research work that has been ongoing for some time (the contributions by Mitchell, Villalta Puig and Whitehouse). Others pick up the “boundaries” focus for the first time (Canavan, Varney) or are setting out initial thoughts for a fresh research agenda (Barnes, Twigg-Flesner). We hope that all of these chapters will offer new insights for those interested in commercial (and trade) law, and contribute to the wider debate about the role law can, and should, play in facilitating and regulating commercial activities.

We would welcome thoughts and comments from readers of this book – these may be sent by email to c.twigg-flesner@hull.ac.uk.

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