

FOREWORD

It is an honour to be invited to write the foreword to Simon Cooper's *Conveyancing Law and Practice in the Cayman Islands*. I fear Dr Cooper gave up on me doing so as the printing deadline approached, but the reason for the delay was that as a former conveyancer I wanted to read it to determine that it addresses the multiplicity of subjects within this underrated area of Cayman Islands law.

I am delighted to report that Dr Cooper has exceeded my most optimistic expectations. This is a truly comprehensive handbook, of interest to all practitioners and not just conveyancers. For too long, residential conveyancing in Cayman has been regarded as a simple form-filling exercise, and you only have to look in the Cayman Islands Law Reports to see some of the more lamentable results of that attitude. Properly done, Cayman Islands residential conveyancing is as complex and difficult an area of law as any other, requiring a wide knowledge of both common law and equity and a specialised knowledge of Cayman statute and practice. Dr Cooper's book demonstrates that to be the case, and I have no doubt will be relied upon by practitioners and cited in the Grand Court, and will be the standard text on the subject, for many years to come.

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