## Foreword

It is my pleasure to write the foreword for this new work on Inheritance Law and Practice in the Cayman Islands.

The appearance of the first textbook on any given topic of law is an important event in the progress of the legal system towards greater maturity. It provides an opportunity for analysis and reflection which not only supports professional learning but which may also prove influential in the development of law itself. In this regard, Professor Cooper's book represents a valued contribution to the advancement of Cayman Islands law.

This textbook will be a treasure trove for lawyers, policymakers, administrators and students. Its diligent research furnishes direct practical support to attorneys who carry out wills and probate work for clients. Its scholarly arguments offer support for broader thinking about the shape and content of inheritance law in the Cayman Islands.

I congratulate Professor Cooper on providing what is a clear and accessible guide through this complex area of law. I have no doubt that it will be of long-lasting benefit to the legal profession and, ultimately, to all who call the Cayman Islands home.

The Hon. Justice Margaret Ramsay-Hale, Chief Justice of the Cayman Islands