courts still retain unfettered freedom of decision, such as security for costs, limitation periods, standard of proof, discovery, rates of interest and so on.

A minor quibble could be raised in relation to the chapter dealing with infraction proceedings against Member States under Article 226 (Article 169 in the old numbering). while this procedure is of necessity of interest primarily to lawyers in government service, nevertheless practitioners need to be aware of the value of these proceedings in furthering the cause of their clients. When a trader is damaged by a restriction on imports, the obvious remedy may be to bring (or defend) proceedings in the relevant national courts, but a parallel complaint to the European Commission leading to the Article 226 procedure can be an invaluable addition to the litigant's armoury. As every public policy adviser in Brussels knows full well, a client's argument is only as good as the legal basis for their cause and using all the legal weapons in addition to political pressure is essential in achieving a satisfactory outcome.

One would hope that the publishers will take greater steps to publicise this book and the messages it conveys, in order to ensure that the British legal community can justifiably claim to represent its clients fully and by reference to every available legal remedy.

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