

# Anti-social Behaviour

## The New Regime

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# Preface

This book aims to be a single volume guide to the new anti-social behaviour legislation. It is intended for use by all those involved in tackling anti-social behaviour and those who act on behalf of persons accused of behaving in such a manner.

We have attempted to explain the new procedures and remedies in a way that should mean the process of applying for, or defending, such applications is as straightforward as the new Act allows. We have included discussion of the preceding legislation concerning anti-social behaviour where relevant, together with case-law decided under the old provision where we believe it will assist in interpreting the new provisions.

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