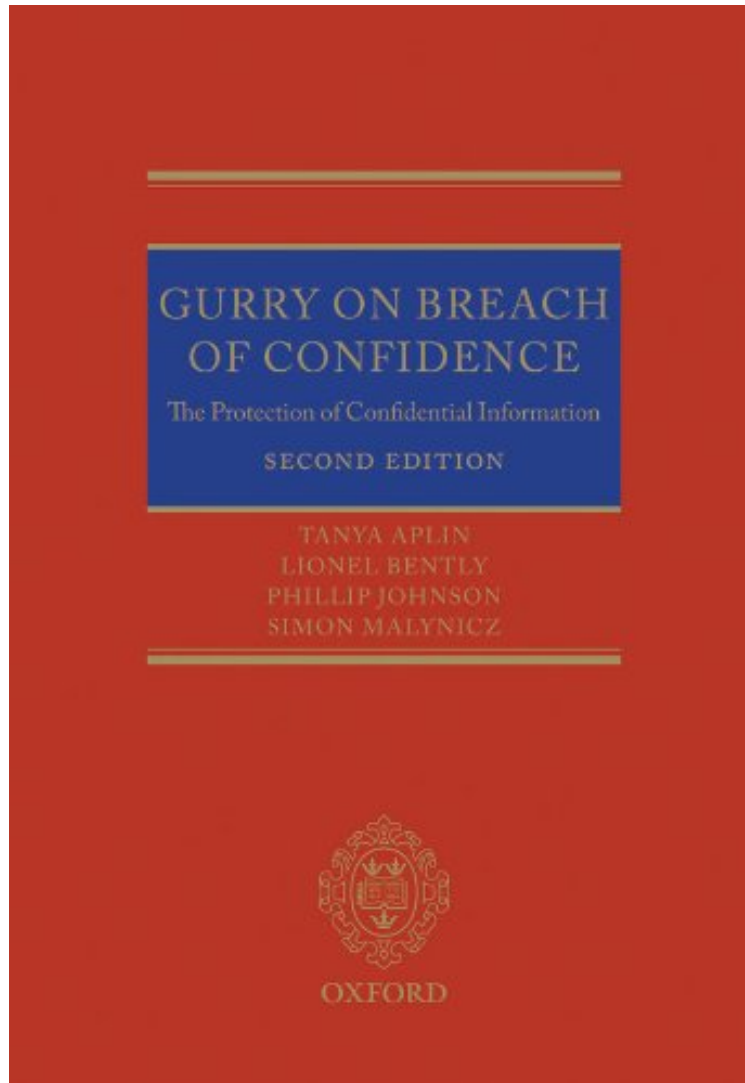


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Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers All hail the advent of the new Gurry's! This second edition from the Oxford University Press is released at a challenging time in the development of this newly emerging, newly significant and newly topical area of law. Just how significant is reflected by recent newsworthy events in the middle of 2012 ' the controversies surrounding super-injunctions and of course the current, at the time of writing, storm clouds hovering over the ex-editor of 'The News of the World' and 'The Sun'. Actions for a breach of confidence concern a number of areas, from trade secrets, informational privacy and governmental data, to trade secrets being of primary economic importance. And, as the authors point out, the law of confidentiality's most important role lies in the ability to bring an action through the courts, adding that 'there does not appear to be any shortage of litigation.' This new edition incorporates and closely examines the numerous and diverse developments that have taken place in communications technology, as well as the law since the publication of the first edition in 1984, notably the IT revolution and implementation of the Human Rights Act 1998 in October 2000. Referring to the resulting 'swathe of jurisprudence about the extent to which privacy is protected in English law,' the authors point up the distinction between the law of confidence with respect to (a) trade secrets and (b) matters of private information. Behind all this is the general principle perceived by laymen that confidential information should be kept confidential' or else! Considering this, one can also discern the clash of interests that can ensue between those who wish to protect certain information and those who want it revealed in the public interest; whistle blowers for example and the mighty armies of journalists, most of whom, it must be said, are teeth-grindingly committed to the principles of free speech. Bearing in mind these and related issues, the publication of this new edition of 'Gurry' is topical and timely. The second edition is, of course, lengthier than the first, with new chapters added on the history of breach of confidence, as well as justifications for protection' confidentiality and the State' standing' and public and private international law. As Francis Gurry has said, the law is one place which reveals the qualitative value of information, adding that even if it is less than knowledge, information is more than data and its transmission or sharing can have significant economic, social and political consequences. He adds further that, 'technology has made information precarious' -- hence the pressing need for this carefully researched and very accessible work of reference. Practitioners and those undertaking research within this area of law will certainly find useful the detailed and extensive resources contained in this volume ' including the approximately seventy-five pages of tables of UK legislation' UK statutory instruments' European legislation' international treaties and conventions' and legislation for other jurisdictions Also note the handy lists of abbreviations and the almost 45-page index which certainly makes this logically structured work that much easier to use. We think it's safe to say that all practitioners working in this field should give this long awaited edition of Gurry's pride of place on their desks.

Kurzbeschreibung Francis Gurry's renowned work, *Breach of Confidence*, published in 1984, was groundbreaking and invaluable in the field of intellectual property as the first text to synthesise the then burgeoning case law on breach of confidence into a systematic form. A highly regarded book, it was the first point of resort for practitioners and a key source for judges. Aplin, Bently, Johnson and Malynicz bring us a new edition of this important work, which remains faithful to the original in its approach, but is fully updated in light of the developments since the first edition. The authors expand upon the original work, in particular adding new material on the history and current relevance of the action for breach of confidence. The authors stress both the advantages and disadvantages of the action for breach of confidence and, like Gurry, they constantly distinguish the action from associated legislative regimes which regulate the access to, acquisition, use and disclosure of information. The book extensively references the many analyses of the data protection regime and considers also issues of jurisdiction and choice of applicable law. Bringing together their particular skills and interests, the three authors produce a fresh re-writing of a highly significant text which retains the academic quality and precision of the original and stakes its claim once more as the leading authority in the field. Pressestimmen This treatise is a timely and impressive contribution to the study of breach of confidence in all its varied manifestations. It should appeal to practitioners and academics alike, and surely deserves a wide readership. \* Canadian Business Law Journal. \* We think it's safe to say that all practitioners working in this field should give this long awaited edition of Gurry's pride of place on their desks. \* Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor, Richmond Green Chambers \* No serious practitioner specialising in this fast-moving area of law can afford to be without this book. The authors deserve to be commended not just for their erudition and industry, but also for the highly ordered manner in which they have been presented the commentary. \* The Commonwealth Lawyer, Vol. 21, No. 2 \* The authors of i Gurry on Breach of Confidence provide an excellent guide to understanding the complex legal issues involved. The book is systematic and well-organized, and its treatment of the subject aims to be comprehensive. The clarity of the structure is matched by generally clear writing throughout the book, which helps to convey this complex subject-matter with a minimum of confusion. The book should be useful and interesting to both academics and practitioners, with different chapters appealing to each (the chapters are largely self-contained and could stand alone). Students at all levels will find it to be a helpful resource for gaining an understanding of this area. \* Dr Mira T.

Sundara Rajan, IPKat \* This is a long-awaited second edition of Francis Gurry's *Breach of Confidence*. The first edition, as the authors rightly note in their preface, was a truly elegant synthesis of the law of confidence as it stood at the time. This second edition offers a near perfect fusion of the academic and the practical elements of breach of confidence which remains true to the immense scholarship of the first edition while imposing the collective stamp of authority of four leading lawyers. It demonstrates both the enduring quality of the original thesis and the current authors' commitment to the highest form of practical scholarship. \* Huw Beverley-Smith, *European Intellectual Property* \* Kurzbeschreibung Francis Gurry's renowned work, *Breach of Confidence*, published in 1984, was groundbreaking and invaluable in the field of intellectual property as the first text to synthesise the then burgeoning case law on breach of confidence into a systematic form. A highly regarded book, it was the first point of resort for practitioners and a key source for judges. Aplin, Bently, Johnson and Malynicz bring us a new edition of this important work, which remains faithful to the original in its approach, but is fully updated in light of the developments since the first edition. The authors expand upon the original work, in particular adding new material on the history and current relevance of the action for breach of confidence, . The authors stress both the advantages and disadvantages of the action for breach of confidence and, like Gurry, they constantly distinguish the action from associated legislative regimes which regulate the access to, acquisition, use and disclosure of information. The book extensively references the many analyses of the data protection regime and considers also issues of jurisdiction and choice of applicable law. Bringing together their particular skills and interests, the three authors produce a fresh re-writing of a highly significant text which retains the academic quality and precision of the original and stakes its claim once more as the leading authority in the field.