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## Introduction

A Straightforward Guide to Public Law is a wide ranging book covering all the relevant law and practice that constitutes the operation of constitutional and administrative law in the United Kingdom.

The book starts by placing the history of the growth of the constitution in the UK, from the Magna Carta onwards. Within this context, we then examine the actual nature of the British constitution, and its unwritten nature and how it has formed relative to those countries with a written constitution. We look at sources of constitutional law, and the rule of law, examining Dicey's famous exposition.

From this point we look at the administration of government, how it functions, examining the role of Parliament, and the role of the players on a day to day basis plus the formulation and passage of legislation. We also look at Electoral law and how the process of voting works in the UK, which serves to elect those politicians who form the government. The civil service is examined, which is non-elected, along with its functions.

The European Community, its development and impact on public law is outlined and also Human Rights law.

The final chapters deal with police organisation and public order, plus the process of judicial review, which gives the right to challenge decisions of public bodies. This brief but comprehensive book should prove invaluable to both students and layperson in understanding the meaning and operations of public law in the United Kingdom.

