

Preface

This book came out of two ideas – to write a reference book on telecommunications law and to empower a new generation of lawyers with skills and knowledge in telecommunications law.

The project was conceived and developed in 2002, with valuable input from a number of different persons and organisations. It was decided that several young lawyers would be chosen on open application to contribute chapters to a book on telecommunications law. This was done in early 2003. The authors developed a book outline, chapter outlines and drafted chapters, under the guidance of a team of advisors. A number of workshops were held with the authors, both on substantive areas of telecommunications law and on research and writing skills.

This book is not intended to be the definitive text on South African telecommunications law. We do hope however that we have succeeded in producing a much-needed reference book. We also hope that we have contributed to the development of telecommunications lawyers.

We also hope that this project will continue and grow. We would like to publish the contents of the book on a website and provide access to resource materials. We also hope to provide chapter updates and new chapters, as appropriate. We welcome any suggestions in this regard. We welcome also any comments on the contents of this book and suggestions for improvement.

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