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## Editor's preface

Political events over the past year have resulted in a slowing down of the pace of statutory change in most areas, including that of family law. This twentieth edition of *Blackstone's Statutes on Family Law* incorporates relevant sections of the Crime and Security Act 2010, which empower the police to issue domestic violence protection notices. Also included are changes effected by both primary and secondary legislation to provisions already in the volume.

As with earlier editions, statutes are included in chronological order and amendments incorporated directly into the relevant text. In line with usual teaching convention, statutes are treated as fully in force once Royal Assent is received. I would like to express my gratitude to colleagues both here and in other institutions whose helpful comments and suggestions have assisted in the preparation of this edition. As always, any further comments or suggestions would be welcome. I am indebted to the staff at OUP and at the Squire Law Library for their constant friendliness and willingness to help, and to my students, whose enquiring minds and enthusiasm are an inspiration.

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## New to this edition

The twentieth edition of *Blackstone's Statutes on Family Law* has been fully revised and updated to include all relevant legislation through to June 2011.

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