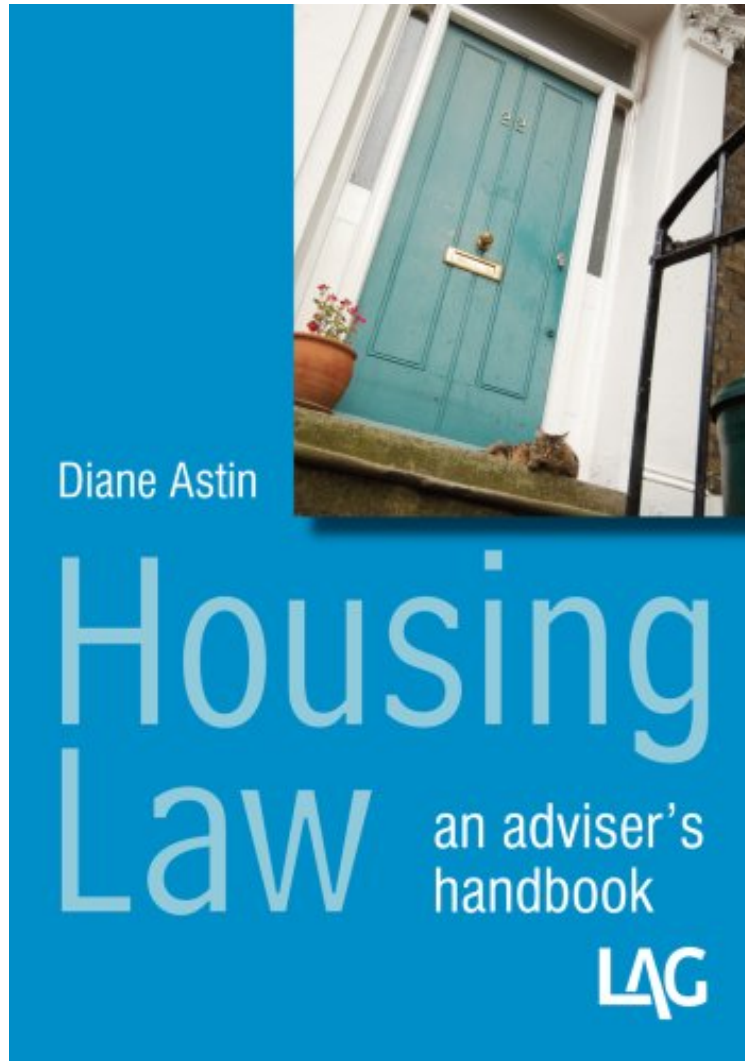


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'A wonderfully lucid, comprehensive and practical introduction to the principles of housing law. This book clears a path through the thickets of case-law and legislation and enables the reader to identify the rights and responsibilities of all kinds of residential occupier. No lawyer or adviser should be without it.' John Gallagher, Shelter Legal Services. About the Author Diane Astin is a solicitor specialising in housing law, with many years experience in private practice and in the voluntary sector. She regularly trains and lectures in housing law, community care and asylum support for organisations including Legal Action Group, Shelter, Carers UK and the Refugee Council. Diane was previously a part time visiting lecturer at London Metropolitan University and was a member of the Law Society Housing Law Committee from 1997 to 2006.