
PREFACE

Volume Two of the Compendium of Election laws, Practices and Case Studies in Selected Commonwealth Countries deals with election cases which are arranged according to themes. This style of presentation is aimed at making election cases user-friendly. Interventions in the electoral process by the judiciary are not expected to be disrupted of that process, but have the potential to contribute significantly to the enhancement of the management of elections.

Nine specific themes, namely, election management bodies, electoral boundaries, registration of voters, nominations, voting – the right to vote, manner of voting and bogus voting, election irregularities, election expenses and the media, and a miscellaneous theme, are covered. It is believed that this modest work will lead to more of this type of exercise being undertaken.

The cases presented in this volume were taken from the certified copies of original judgements. The headnotes of most of them were designed specifically to bring out the essentials of each case. The background facts, the core of the judgement and the case cited, have been highlighted for the purposes of easy reference, while each judgement is presented in its completed form.

An attempt has been made to highlight four specific themes, namely, election management bodies, the right to vote, the role of media and election irregularities. Like volume 1, this volume is presented in two parts. Parts 1 and 2 deal with five themes each.

