Extract from W.J. Stewart's "Collins Dictionary of Law" defining "order resolution or vote"

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Preface to the Third Edition

The growth in legal language and the success of the *Dictionary of Law* has allowed very many new words to be included. Having taken over the bulk of editorial duties in the second edition, this third edition is entirely my own work, and I have taken the opportunity to refresh older entries and to delete a few outside the coherent scope of the present work. Originally it had been hoped that the inclusion of case and statute references would increase the value of the work to lawyers and more advanced law students. I have taken the view, however, that the inclusion of odd technical-looking citations in what is meant to provide readers with a simpler explanation was potentially counterproductive and these have been removed.

I am grateful to Collins for the use of material from the *Collins English Dictionary* and pleased that some of the words from this volume may find their way back into that text. I am grateful to Seth Tillman of Philadelphia for drawing to my attention 'order, resolution or vote', albeit it has been impossible to do justice to the scholarship around that phrase. The entries 'patents', 'trademarks', 'copyright' and 'designs law' were prepared by Dr Andreas Rahmatian, University of Stirling. Professor Rebecca Wallace, Robert Gordon University, advised on the European and Immigration entries. Professor David Stopforth, University of Stirling, entirely steam-cleaned taxation, updating and improving the text considerably. A considerable debt of gratitude is due once more in this edition to Dr Paul Mathews of Withers, Solicitors, London, who read the whole text especially in relation to aspects of English law and practice. I thank all, including those thanked in the previous prefaces, in particular Cowan Ervine, much of whose good work and insight remains in the text. The careful editing of Michael Munro at Collins was valuable and appreciated. Despite all their efforts I am responsible for the text.

This book is still not a substitute for legal advice. It should help a reader to formulate questions to a lawyer or to understand a reply. Those with a legal problem should see a solicitor first.

The book remains dedicated to the memory of my late old friend and colleague Professor Robert (Bob) Burgess (1946–99), co-author of the first edition.

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