Lawyers' view of the Anglo-Irish Agreement

In the past decade the authors of this legal commentary on the Anglo-Irish Agreement have played a very significant role in the formulation of public policy on Northern Ireland in both Britain and the Republic. They have become a two-person legal think tank, living embodiments of the best of the "two traditions", regularly fanning off rival arguments in refreshingly clear language which is always devoid of legal jargon. Their admirers argue that their detailed analysis of the Agreement is the result of years of study and that they have contributed to the public against simplistic solution to the problems of Northern Ireland. Their new book, "The Anglo-Irish Agreement: Commentary, Text and Official Review", is a comprehensive and authoritative analysis of the Agreement and its implications. The authors, Brendan O'Leary and K. Boyle, have produced a work which is a must-read for anyone interested in the future of Northern Ireland.

The book is divided into three main parts. The first part provides a detailed analysis of the legal aspects of the Agreement, including the provisions on devolution, the role of the Irish government and the Irish parliament, and the implications of the Agreement for the United Kingdom. The second part is a comprehensive review of the legal and political implications of the Agreement, including the role of the European Union and the implications of the Agreement for the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The third part is a collection of articles and essays on the Agreement, written by leading legal and political figures.

The book is a valuable contribution to the debate on the future of Northern Ireland. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the legal and political aspects of the Agreement, and it is a useful resource for policy makers and academics.

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