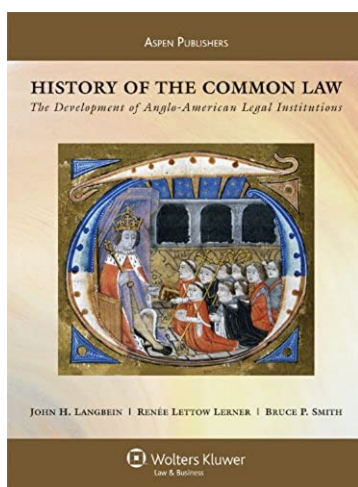# [PDF] History Of The Common Law: The Development Of Anglo-American Legal Institutions

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