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This month's books cover immigration law, banking law, memory and a guide for young lawyers.



Australian Immigration Companion

Rodger Fernandez, Murray Gerkens, Janelle Kenny, Sherene Ozyurek and Dominic Yau, (9th edn), LexisNexis 2021, pb \$71.50

Immigration law has always been a difficult area of law. It is constantly changing and is extremely complex in nature. It is also codified and rule based, with emphasis on policy (PAM guidelines).

Australia has a long complex history of immigration programs and controls which are deeply connected with the political climate and shape of Australian society today. This dynamic and complex legislative scheme makes it difficult for most migration practitioners to navigate without help.

This book is a unique resource of expert guidance written for most practitioners in the form of anticipated issues. It consists of an introduction to migration law and visa application procedures with practical problems and worked solutions. It is written in a simple to understand style using a Q&A format that makes it an easy read for solving complex immigration issues.

Every chapter highlights the statutory intent of the law and how to navigate "loopholes" within the framework of the law. Because of the Q&A format it provides an excellent resource for problem solving in migration law.

The authors have done a great job in giving simple strategies for solutions to complex immigration issues.

With the passage of the deregulation bill, it is an essential guide for lawyers considering dipping their toes into this complex area of law.

I highly recommend this book to experienced immigration legal practitioners and other legal practitioners who would like to enter the field to use as a "go to" for answers to difficult cases.

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Banking Law in Australia

Alan Tyree, (10th edn), LexisNexis, 2021, pb \$172

Now in its 10th edition, *Banking Law in Australia* responds to hot topics in banking law such as the findings of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry which have been somewhat overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis. As the opening line of the preface declares, we live in interesting times. The book spans 18 chapters and traverses all the key areas of banking law.

About half the book covers the essentials: the banker and customer relationship, accounts, cheques, payment systems and duties of the customer versus duties of the banker. The author has an approachable style so even if you are a banking law novice, you will be able to pick up the basics from these chapters.

The other chapters of the book focus on general principles and other areas of law which intersect with banking law. The chapters on consumer protection, secured lending and guarantees collectively create an inventory of the core issues to consider when advising a client about a banking law matter. The chapter dedicated to the new and, dare I say, sexy law around bitcoin and blockchain currencies is a thought-provoking read. It deftly describes the structure and distribution of blockchains and how Bitcoin operates as a payment system. This book is a great resource for lawyers or barristers advising clients about banking law matters from either the banker or customer perspective.

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