**Intellectual Property: Text and Essential Cases**


This work, now in its fifth edition, has historically provided thorough coverage of all forms of intellectual property protection in Australia. This edition continues on from that heritage with updated and expanded coverage of areas such as resale royalty rights for visual artists, tobacco plain packaging, biotechnology patents and performers’ protection.

While the nature of the work is predominantly one of setting out the current applicable law, it is seasoned in parts with discussions of law reform and historical developments which provide context and add richness without detracting from the book’s value as a comprehensive and detailed reference volume on the entire spectrum of intellectual property.

One interesting approach the authors adopt is to focus on a number of themes which they believe "are important to a full understanding of intellectual property law", including the tension between the protection of personal property and other interests such as knowledge sharing. The international context of intellectual property is also a theme that is explored throughout the book, as is the dynamic relationship between technology and intellectual property law.

Once again, this approach adds insight and value without sacrificing any usability for readers looking to quickly identify and review a specific area of law. The detailed table of contents makes this book a particularly user-friendly reference piece.

As the title suggests, the book contains a selection of more than 60 selected case extracts and summaries appended to each chapter highlighting key aspects of the preceding content – many of these cases are the leading authorities in the respective areas of law.

All in all, this volume provides a thorough coverage of the entire intellectual property landscape and does so with enough background and policy discussion to be engaging and informative, while retaining a structure and style that make it a very usable reference.

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**Homicide law in Victoria: retrospect and prospects**


Starting with an introduction by former Victorian attorney-general Rob Hulls, the book has an impressive array of contributors. The complex issue of provocation and of defensive homicide is fully addressed. As Rob Hulls points out in his introduction, the fact that so few women commit homicide means that it would take decades to acquire enough information to make legislating safe. The book sets out to be about law reform in Victoria with respect to homicide and its corollaries: in that it amply succeeds. Further, it noted the tension between judicial discretion and prescriptive law. The book deals not only with sentencing practices but also with media, evidence, legal culture, legislation, political influences and jury direction.

The coverage concentrates on provocation and defensive homicide: as such it should commend itself to busy practitioners. While it deals with issues such as infanticide, battered women, moral culpability, and common defences to homicide it might extend its wide coverage. One such issue is that of the murder of children in order to make a former partner suffer. Two recent cases were Farquharson (sons drowned in the dam), and Freeman (threw his young daughter to her death off Westgate Bridge). In both cases the finding of guilt was established, and both were imprisoned. Should such cases attract particular moral opprobrium and/or merit mandatory sentences?

The writers and editors are to be commended on this valuable submission.

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