

Book Reviews

Focus: Contract Law 4th Ed. 2012, Wiseman, Backstrom and Trowse, LexisNexis Butterworths Australia, ISBN 978 0 40932 918 6

This book is part of the publisher's "Focus Series" which aims to introduce the law of contract to students by highlighting basic principles and concepts.

This edition has been updated to reflect new developments in both case law and legislation including the introduction of the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), which replaced 17 generic consumer protection laws that existed across the States and Territories with a single national consumer law that is found in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). The ACL introduced a number of major changes to consumer protection laws in Australia which affect the contractual relationship between parties in a number of respects including consumer guarantees, manufacturers' warranties and unfair contracts.

Each of the chapters to the book commences with a clearly articulated set of objectives, a list of the key cases and the principal legislative provisions relevant to the topic at hand. Each chapter concludes with a problem and a worked solution.

The work accordingly provides a structure enabling a student to not only identify relevant legal principles but also to see how those principles apply in practice.

A time-poor practitioner may also find the work helpful in quickly identifying relevant principles and authorities and as a necessary springboard for further in-depth research.

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