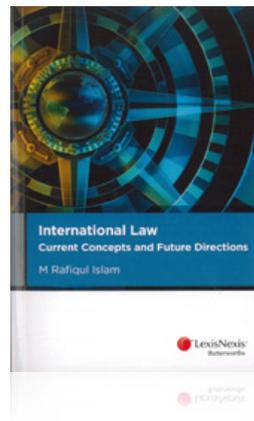
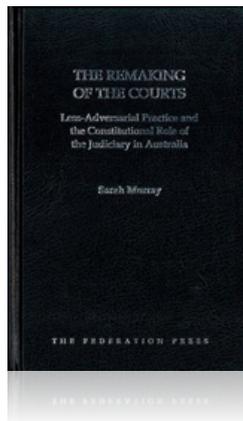
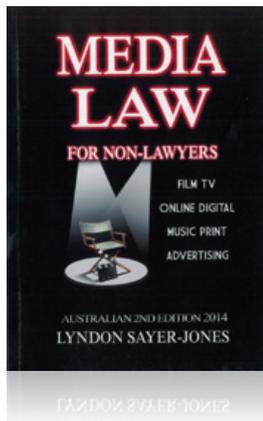


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This month's reviews cover media law, the constitutional role of the judiciary in Australia and international law.



Media Law for Non-Lawyers

Lyndon Sayer-Jones, *Media Law for Non-Lawyers*, (2nd edn), 2014, Prêt à Porter Publications, pb \$39

Updated from the original publication in 1992, *Media Law for Non-Lawyers* is a practical guide to media law for anyone hoping to get a handle on the legal aspects of working in the media industry. As Sayer-Jones puts it, the book is intended to “help . . . protect your financial interests and maintain control of your project”. As well as flagging traditional legal challenges commonly encountered in the media space, this edition also addresses new legal obstacles arising from the introduction of the producer offset tax scheme in Australia and the global phenomena of social networking and internet protocol television.

The reader is not only privy to Sayer-Jones' wealth of experience as a leading entertainment lawyer but also to the experience of a select group of advisers. The book includes 15 chapters written by other media lawyers, including Nina Stevenson, Bryce Menzies, Tony Anisimoff, Michael Frankel, Lloyd Hart, Raena Lea-Shannon, Greg Sitch, Peter Banki and Jules Munro. No doubt the reader will receive a cross-section of quality insight.

With refreshing candidness, Sayer-Jones' book has covered essential and general media business issues as well as issues specifically relating to the online dimension of media, production, distribution and advertising. Each chapter is quick, punchy and includes suggestions, recommendations, hints and tips that the reader can directly apply.

Readers will also appreciate the jokes and cartoons interspersed throughout the book.

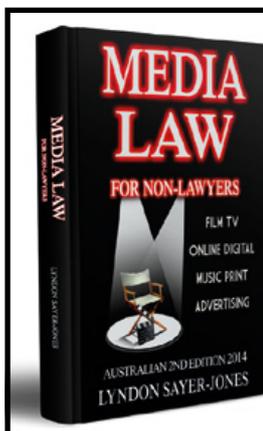
Media Law for Non-Lawyers will be a valuable resource for readers navigating the legal challenges in the media industry. For others, the book will nevertheless prove to be an intriguing and accessible read on media law.

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The Remaking of the Courts

Sarah Murray, *The Remaking of the Courts*, 2014, The Federation Press 2014, hb \$99

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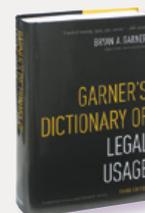


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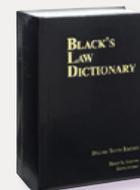


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can accommodate less adversarial practice by the judiciary.

The author contends that broadly speaking, judicial practice of a less adversarial nature can be accommodated by the constitution without the need for constitutional change. To support her contention, the author examines three case studies of current less-adversarial practices that she argues do not violate Chapter III of the constitution, being: the case management practices of federal courts, judicial mediation and specialist drug courts.

Although Murray argues that such practices do not contravene the constitution, she asserts that there needs to be clearer guidance as to what practices should or should not be permissible. She proposes a "contextual incompatibility" approach, which she asserts, if applied, will not only protect the integrity of the constitution and the underlying role of the judiciary, but will also allow for future judicial reform that will be in-step with societal changes, without the need for constitutional amendments.

The book is divided into three parts: the first part discusses the history and growth of less adversarial practices in Australia in the context of neo-institutionalism and constitutionalism; the second part provides an in-depth analysis of the three case studies; and the final part assesses the adequacy of the current Chapter III constitutional approaches and the need for the "contextual incompatibility" approach.

The movement by the judiciary away from applying a strictly traditional adversarial role to a more active role in litigation is unmistakable. In this regard, the author has written an interesting and stimulating monograph on a topic that will only rise in prominence.

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International Law: Current Concepts and Future Directions

M Rafiqul Islam, *International Law: Current Concepts and Future Directions*, 2014, LexisNexis Butterworths, 2014, pb \$117.

Recent advances in technology and international trade, travel and communications has made the world a smaller place. For better or worse, international law increasingly affects all aspects of our lives. Environmental issues, terrorism and cross-border crimes are just some examples of problems which exceed the competence of any national legal system and which require international cooperation and regulation.

Professor Islam is well qualified to write on these topics. This book is the culmination of many years of research and teaching international law in universities around the globe. The book commences with a discussion of the genesis and development of international law, before exploring particular areas (such as human rights law, environmental law and terrorism).

The discussion of international human rights law is particularly engaging. The author uses current issues, such as civil unrest in Syria and Egypt, as examples of the impact of international law in challenging outdated notions of state sovereignty regarding a government's treatment of its citizens. International standards now exist to prevent human rights abuses, and enforcement mechanisms have improved in recent decades. These standards and mechanisms are now well known, if not always effective.

The book takes a contextual approach, emphasising that law is just one element in a complex system of regulation and influence which includes economic and geopolitical considerations. Importantly, Professor Islam recognises that international trade often involves powerful nations exploiting developing countries. The book highlights that global values need not be Western values. This is particularly relevant in relation to human rights, where the "universal" values (such as individualism) on which such rights are based, do not have the same primacy in many non-Western countries.

Overall this book presents a detailed and scholarly discussion of the origins and overarching principles of international law. These principles, and the development of international law over time, are illustrated by reference to contemporary debates and issues, such as whether there is a responsibility to protect another country's citizens in the face of widespread human rights abuses. As the author notes, there is a growing demand for legal practitioners with expertise in these areas. This well researched and clearly written book deals with important issues for the future of the planet and its people. ●

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