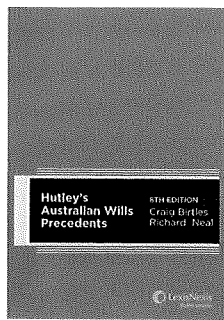


Hutley's Australian Wills Precedents



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As Australia's population ages and families evolve, wills and estate planning are increasingly topical practice areas. *Hutley's Australian Wills Precedents* has been the definitive text on will drafting for over forty years. The recently released 8th edition contains several amendments to reflect updated concepts of the family, as well as a slightly refined focus on current issues.

The latest edition is authored by Craig Birtles of Teece Hodgson & Ward, with contributions from Richard Neal, also of that firm. The baton of authorship has been passed from longstanding author and editor Charles Rowland, who compiled numerous previous editions of the text and succeeded Francis Hutley as its main author for the 7th and 6th editions.

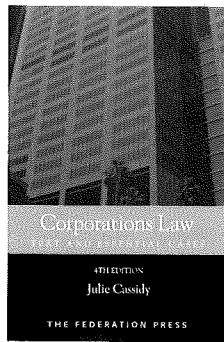
The 8th edition specifically addresses issues with surrogate and foster children, and includes precedents on their exclusion. The forms on contemplation of marriage and specific gifts have been revised. New forms relating to life insurance policies and superannuation have been added, as these assets are becoming more common and significant for testators.

Further commentary on tax implications and failure to release has also been included. This information is useful as estates are becoming more complex, with diverse investment and other assets frequently being owned by older Australians particularly. Finally, there has been selective pruning of less often used forms, including the common form for delayed vesting for some beneficiaries only.

Overall, the 8th edition of Hutley's Wills promises a repeat of the success and utility of earlier editions. Birtles and Neal bring a refreshed focus to changing aspects of the law, and their commentary is an effective guide for new and experienced practitioners alike. A must for all solicitors involved with wills.

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Corporations Law: Text and Essential Cases



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Corporations Law: Text and Essential Cases is tailored to teachers and students of Corporations Law. The text follows a university semester syllabus by splitting the subject matter into 13 neat chapters.

The chapters themselves are especially useful to students as they provide a summary of major principles, essential extracts from leading cases, useful review questions and manageable bibliographies for further reading.

The text is also a handy quick reference guide for the practising practitioner. It is particularly useful where a lawyer needs a refresher of first principles or leading cases without getting bogged down in the minutia. However, the text will point you in the right direction if you need more information.

The book has the added virtue of being written in clear plain language and has ample sub-headings which makes for easy reference.

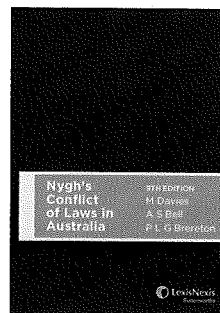
It goes without saying that the 4th edition incorporates the significant legislative and judicial changes to Corporations Law.

For seasoned practitioners, the student focus of the text might be a chance to step back and re-examine first principles in light of the significant changes to the law since the previous edition published in 2010.

I would recommend this book to students and teachers of Corporations Law, as well as to practitioners who require an easy-to-use reference guide of the broad subject matter.

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Nygh's Conflict of Laws in Australia



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This is the seminal text on private international law in Australia. This ninth edition is recommended for those wishing to keep current with the rapidly expanding and changing nature of transnational transactions and litigation.

The work covers all usually expected of this subject matter as well as some topics beyond what is traditionally considered conflict of laws, such as "State Immunity, Act of State and Non-Justiciability", "Evidence from and for Other Countries" and "Choice of Law in Arbitration".

As always, this edition is comprehensive in its approach to different conflict of laws subjects covering contracts, torts, property and family law issues. It also covers restitutionary claims and equitable obligations, negotiable instruments, international monetary obligations, trusts, corporations and insolvency. Additional material since the last edition includes the decisions of the High Court of Australia in *Moti v R* concerning the act of state doctrine and, in qualifying the *Spycatcher* case, how the Mozambique rule is applied in intellectual property cases. The decision of the full Federal Court of Australia in *Joyce v Sunland Waterfront* on taking evidence by video link is also covered.

The new rules of the Federal Court of Australia and the implementation of the *Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra Judicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters* are covered. The latter may have significant implications for service of legal documents outside Australia. The *Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010* (Cth), which changes how New Zealand proceedings are treated in jurisdictional terms, and the changes made by the *International Arbitration Amendment Act 2010*, harmonising and modernising the Australian legislative framework for arbitration, are also well covered.

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