

# KeyNews Update 13 July 2012

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## LexisNexis Practical Guidance

In June 2012 Practical Guidance launched two new modules - Corporations Law and Succession Law.

Succession Law has been written by a range of author firms and many of the authors are accredited specialists in wills and estates. The online service includes 200+ guidance notes, 50+ forms and 215+ precedents.

Corporations Law has been written by a range of expert and includes 200+ guidance notes, 80+ forms, 40+ precedents and over 250 cases.

In July 2012, Practical Guidance also launched phase II of the Work Health and Safety module, which now covers the work health and safety regime, health and safety duties, health and safety representation in the workplace, health and safety consultation in the workplace, incident notification, discriminatory conduct, workplace entry and enforcement measures. This module has been written by the team of expert lawyers in Harmers Workplace Lawyers, and the precedents and checklists have been written by Pendlebury Workplace Law.

## Reports and Journals

In June and July, the Reports and Journals team made updates to the following reports: Australian Corporations and Securities Reports Volumes 87 and 88, and Bound Volume 87, Australian Corporations and Securities Reports Consolidated Index Volumes 1-85, Administrative Law Decisions Volumes 126 and 127, and Bound Volume 126, Australian Law Reports Volumes 287 and 288, and Bound Volume 287, Australian Law Reports Preliminaries and Index Volumes 279-283, Butterworth's Property Reports Volume 208, Family Law Reports Volume 46, and Bound Volume 46, Intellectual Property Reports Volumes 95 and 96, and Bound Volume 95, Motor Vehicle Reports Volumes 60 and 61, Bound Volume 60, and Consolidated Index Volumes 1-60, Victorian Reports Volumes 29 and 30, and Bound Volume 29.

In June and July, the Reports and Journals team made updates to the following journals: Australian Bar Review Volume 35 Index and Volume 36 Part 1, Australian Journal of Human Rights Volume 18 Parts 1 and 2, Australian Journal of Corporate Law Volume 26 Index and Volume 27 Part 1, Australian Journal of Labour Law Volume 25 Part 2, Australian Property Law Journal Volume 20 Part 3, Journal of Contract Law Volume 28 Index and Volume 29 Part 1, Media and Arts Law Review Volume 17 Part 2.

## **Criminal and Litigation**

The Criminal and Litigation teams are updating all legal costs loose-leaf services in the litigation list to include costs, fees and charges commencing in July 2012.

This includes updates to Legal Costs New South Wales to include amendments under the Civil Procedure Regulations 2005;

Real Property Regulation 2008; Strata Schemes (Leasehold and Freehold Development) Regulation 2007; and more.

Legal Costs Victoria has also been extensively updated to include amendments to the scales of costs and fees within the primary courts and a number of specialised areas.

Legal Costs South Australia has also been updated with amendments to scales of costs and fees with the primary courts and all the specialised topic guide cards. As South Australia uses 1 July as its main focus for such change, this is a substantial service.

For each of the Legal Costs services, the Federal Companion has also been updated with scales of costs and fees across all courts and tribunals.

## **Halsbury's Laws of Australia**

Halsbury's Laws of Australia (HLA) is continuing its currency blitz for 2012 by focusing on updating older titles, as well as adding new content to other titles to keep abreast of current legal developments.

In June 2012, HLA was proud to announce the addition of a brand new chapter on Space Law written by aviation law expert Ronald Bartsch to the Aviation title. The Space Law chapter explains the various international space conventions and agreements, the applicable international organisations, and the regulation of space activities in Australia. It also explores the difficulty of defining 'air space' and 'outer space', the complexities of applying laws to space objects travelling through air space and outer space, and liability for damage caused by space objects.

HLA has also published a significant update to the Administrative Law title to introduce comprehensive and (highly sought after) coverage of recent Commonwealth and State freedom of information reforms, and to include all new material on the Queensland Civil and Administrative Law Tribunal in the Tribunals guide card. The Public Health title has also been updated to cover material on the smoking and tobacco plain packaging legislation, and new material covering the federal jurisdiction has been introduced to the Industrial Law title.

Other recent updates include partial updates of the Energy, Corporations, Environment, Courts, Evidence, Trade & Commerce, Family Law, Consumer Protection, and Succession titles, and a full update of the Limitation of Actions title.

HLA will continue its currency blitz in the coming months and is pleased to announce that renowned LexisNexis author and HLA General Editor, Gino Dal Pont, has not only authored a comprehensive update of the Trusts title to be published in late July 2012, he has also overhauled the previously out of date Legal Practitioners title and written brand new content to be published in September 2012. These updates will see a significant improvement of the content and currency of two of HLA's largest titles.

HLA is also currently busy preparing a comprehensive update of the Consolidated Cases Volume, with 2000+ pages of updated tables of cases to be published in August 2012.

HLA is also busy working on other important future updates, including the introduction of a new guide card to the Workers Compensation title covering the workers compensation scheme in Western Australia, and the introduction of two new chapters covering cybercrime and terrorism to the Criminal Law title.

### **Australian Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents**

The Australian Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents (AEFP) has published two brand new guide cards with all new content covering Freedom of Information and Retirement Villages. The Freedom of Information material was written by Damien Cremean (former Deputy President, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal). The Retirement Villages material authors include Arthur Koumoukelis and Kimberley Vancuylenberg of Gadens Lawyers.

The Personal Property Securities Act 2009 (Cth) also continues to be a major focus for AEFP, with several updated precedents available in the Personal Property Securities guide card.

AEFP has also updated material for Choses in Action, Family Law: Parenting, Franchise Agreements, Sale of Goods, and Trusts.

Other important updates include Bankruptcy forms, Clubs & Societies forms, Compromises & Releases, Crown Lands, Mortgages, and a significant update of the forms in the Corporations suite.

Important future updates include updates to eCommerce, Employment Agreements and Family Law.