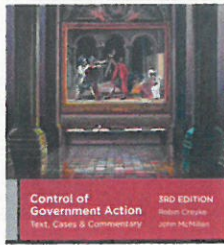


## Control of Government Action: Text, Cases & Commentary



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The range of ways that government action is subject to review today is wider than ever before, so up to date and in-depth reference works on this area are increasingly useful. In this vein, *Control of Government Action* is an important text book and reference for legal practitioners and government officials.

Readers might think that this book is especially apt for Canberra, but the authors make a particular point of covering not only the Commonwealth legal position, but also that in the States and Territories, and the many cross-jurisdictional comparisons are of assistance and interest to practitioners.

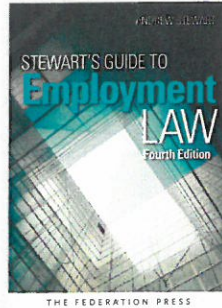
The authors could hardly be more qualified. Professor Robyn Creyke, a Senior Member of the AAT and Professor John McMillan, the Australian Information Commissioner, are both longstanding teachers of administrative law at the ANU, and recognised experts in the field.

Administrative law applies to a diverse range of subjects, from freedom of information to privacy, from employment to immigration, and from social security to planning. The book is compendious, and there is scarcely a matter of administrative law that can be thought of that is not covered by it. This book is a highly useful and recommended resource for anyone involved in these areas.

This is the third edition of the book and this edition is updated to cover the establishment of integrity agencies (in particular, the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner) and recent decisions of the High Court on constitutional issues, as well as other developments. It is hoped it will enter many more editions.

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## Stewart's Guide To Employment Law



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This most recent edition of *Stewart's Guide to Employment Law* has been updated to include the recent changes made by the *Fair Work Amendment Act 2012* (Cth), changes to work health and safety legislation, and recent decisions applicable to the field of employment law.

The book is divided into 18 distinct chapters dealing with a wide range of topics, from enterprise agreements and minimum working standards to workplace safety and industrial action.

Whilst the book provides some historical background to employment law and regulation in Australia, the primary focus is an overview of employment law for the practitioner unfamiliar with the area. This pragmatic focus ensures the book's utility.

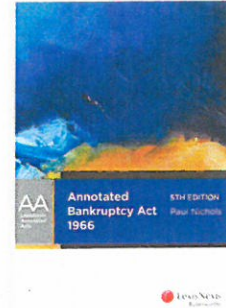
The majority of the chapters benefit from a simple and logical framework. By avoiding extensive recitals of legislation or lengthy case citations, the book manages to explain each area in a concise but clear format. This format provides the reader with a working understanding of each area discussed.

*Stewart's Guide to Employment Law* is particularly useful as a starting point for a legal practitioner or law student unfamiliar with the practise area of employment law. Although the text is neither designed nor recommended for use as a comprehensive employment and workplace relations law resource, the author provides detailed citations and multiple suggested materials for further reading. As such, it provides an excellent starting point for the reader interested into coming to grips with the key concepts.

Overall, the book provides a cursory, but comprehensive, examination of the key areas within employment law and offers a valuable tool for grasping the current state of the dynamic field of employment law within Australia.

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## Annotated Bankruptcy Act of 1966



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The fifth edition of the *Annotated Bankruptcy Act 1966* provides a reproduction of the major Australian Bankruptcy legislation including, amongst others, the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, *Bankruptcy Regulations* and forms, as well as the ITSA Approved forms and the *Federal Court (Bankruptcy) Rules 2005*. The legislation is current up to 1 August 2012, meaning it contains the most recent amendments to the Rules.

The text is an extract from Volume 4 of the excellent loose leaf service *Practice and Procedure High Court of Australia*. As such it follows the same arrangement of that service, including cross references to the service, some of which is not reproduced in the text.

The text begins with a brief introduction to the primary legislation, in this case the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* and a discussion of its jurisdiction, scope and other common issues. Following each section of the legislation is a commentary of that section generally, containing concise discussion of relevant case law to explain in more depth how the legislation has been applied and the considerations the Court may make in its application.

The text is formatted in a simple and easy to use manner, with clearly labelled sections and a table of cases and legislation. Whilst the text is a useful guide for students in its comprehensive commentary of the legislation, those sections of the text canvassing the relevant forms, costs and fees are less relevant. Hence the text is a more useful resource for practitioners, although the size of the soft cover text is such that practitioners may find the eBook version more convenient, especially if using it frequently in Court.

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