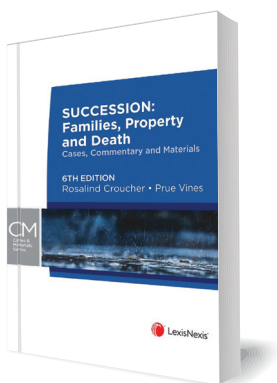


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This month's books cover succession, crime fiction and employment contracts.



Succession: Families, Property and Death

Professor Prue Vines and Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM,
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Vines and Croucher have delivered the sixth edition of this text, and the first since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A key development since the previous edition is the rules for electronic signatures and remote witnessing. While many readers will have experience with this at some level, they will be grateful to have a text that addresses the topic.

Perhaps the most pressing development over the past five years – the implementation of voluntary assisted dying legislation throughout Australia – is covered. There is also discussion of the *Succession Act 2023* (SA), which had not been proclaimed to commence at the time of publication. Practitioners who are involved in matters in that jurisdiction will benefit from the references to that legislation and the repeal of the *Administration and Probate Act 1919*, the *Inheritance (Family Provision) Act 1972* and the *Wills Act 1936*.

Another important issue addressed in the revised edition is the examination of succession within contextual theory.

My interest in wills and estates matters was sparked sitting in the lectures of Ken Makie and Gino Dal Pont, both of whom have written great texts on the subject. This edition sits on my desk next to De Groot's *Wills, Probate and Administration Practice (Victoria)* and *The Law of Executors and Administrators* by Dal Pont.

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