for anyone who is called upon to interpret or implement a legal document – the lawyer's bread and butter.

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Interpretation and Use of Legal Sources – The Laws of Australia

Perry Herzfeld, Thomas Prince & Stephen Tully, *Interpretation and Use of Legal Sources – The Laws of Australia*, 2013, Thomson Reuters, pb $139.95.

Interpretation and Use of Legal Sources is a comprehensive account of the interpretation of public and private documents. It is available in hard copy and also appears as Chapter 25 of Thompson Reuters' encyclopaedia, *The Laws of Australia*.

The book is divided into four parts. Part 1 deals with the interpretation of public documents and includes dedicated chapters on the interpretation of the constitution, statute and subordinate legislation. Part 2 is dedicated to the interpretation and use of international legal sources. Part 3 is concerned with private documents, with chapters on contracts, deeds, wills and trusts. Part 4 explains the interpretation of judicial statements with chapters on precedent, res judicata, issue estoppel, and the interpretation of orders and practice directions.

The book is what any encyclopaedic resource should be. The breadth of topics is second to none. Statements of principle are precise. Its referencing is impressive: the authors not only cite key cases of principle, but provide the reader with more modern resources that support or explain the principle. References are also made to relevant academic and extra-judicial scholarship. Through this the reader is armed with a comprehensive list of resources from which they can drill down.

The authors and publisher should be congratulated for producing a resource that considers both public and private documents, as well as the interpretation and use of such documents. It is an excellent starting point