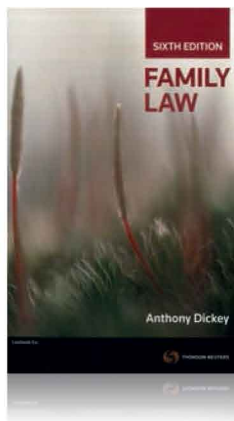


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Family Law

Dr Anthony Dickey, *Family Law* (6th edn), 2014, Thomson Reuters, pb \$190

There are few practitioners more qualified to write a leading family law textbook series than Dr Anthony Dickey QC. This is the much anticipated next instalment in his family law series, following on from the 5th edition published in 2007. The 6th edition sees the inclusion of a chapter dedicated to de facto relationships, as well as a thorough

examination of the child support legislative framework operating within Australia.

For those interested in gaining a richer understanding of the history and development of family law jurisprudence in Australia, this book is highly recommended. In his introduction, Dr Dickey expresses his intention that, through an examination of historical aspects of family law, readers will gain a deeper understanding of its current context.

The breadth of topics is commendable, and the chapters dedicated to demystifying the child support regime deserve particular mention. These are informative and practical chapters, and Dr Dickey has managed to simplify and illuminate an area that so often induces headaches for the most seasoned practitioners.

As is common with any printed reference material, the reader ought to be aware that there have been a number of developments in family law since the text was published. Accordingly, the decisions in *Bevan & Bevan* [2013] FamCAFC 116, *Hoult & Hoult* [2013] FamCAFC 109 and *Kane & Kane* [2013] FamCAFC 205 are not discussed. In addition, there is a cursory discussion only of artificial reproductive treatments and special medical procedures, with no mention of the recent Full Court decision in *Re Jamie* [2013] FamCAFC 110, which considered the circumstances in which it is necessary to obtain the Court's permission before a special medical procedure is carried out on a child.

These issues aside, the text is written in a clear, precise and insightful manner. The layout and referencing are user-friendly. The text lends itself well as a valuable resource for law libraries in both universities and law practices across Australia.

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