

Book Review

Family Violence and Child Protection Law in Victoria

Greg Connellan (ed), *Family Violence and Child Protection Law in Victoria*, Law Book Co. Thomson Reuters 2016, pb \$185

This book brings together the Victorian legislation that deals with intervention in the lives of families through family violence protection orders, child protection orders and the application of criminal law to children and young people. It includes the annotated *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*, the *Personal Safety Invention Orders Act 2010* and the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* together with the related rules and regulations for the Magistrates' Court and Children's Court.

The introductory chapters on risk assessment and management are practical and easily accessible. The family violence chapter provides a contextual understanding of the Common Risk Assessment Framework introduced across agencies in Victoria. The child protection chapter summaries the government approach to assessing and managing risk, describing how the best interests case model works in practice.

A third introductory chapter helpfully summarises the frequently perplexing interaction between the state family violence and child protection legislation and the *Family Law Act 1975*.

This will be a useful volume for lawyers working regularly in the area of family violence in the Magistrates' Court and the criminal or family divisions of the Children's Court.

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