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HE INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACTS IN AUSTRALIA

Sir Kim Lewison and David Hughes

This adaptation of the widely acclaimed English title *The Interpretation of Contracts* by Sir Kim Lewison reflects Australian law while retaining the structure and principles of interpretation of the first nine chapters of the English edition. Guidance on the construction and interpretation of contracts includes help with difficult matters of disputed interpretation; extracts and summaries of decisions illustrate the application of the rules. Contents:

- Introduction and Overview
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Insights will inform the process of drafting or applying a contract by identifying key principles and discussing them comprehensively, yet concisely, with illuminating reference to case law. Helpful both in drafting and in resolving disputes, *The Interpretation of Contracts in Australia* will be a major practitioner resource.

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UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS LAW IN AUSTRALIA

Dr Jeannie Paterson

Detailed up-to-date analysis addresses the new 'Unfair Contract Terms Law' introduced as part of the Australian Consumer Law reforms. Explaining the law's operation, including implications for standard 'boilerplate' terms in consumer contracts, it also examines the background to the reforms. Useful in litigation or compliance, *Unfair Contract Terms in Australia* will assist competition, consumer and commercial solicitors and barristers as well as regulators involved in drafting, reviewing and enforcing standard form consumer contracts. Contents:

- Why regulate Unfair Terms?
- Comparing the regulatory regimes the UK and Victorian precedents
- Overview of the Australian Consumer Law and the UCTL
- Contracts and terms excluded from review for fairness
- Application of the UCTL
- Identifying and interpreting the terms of a contract subject to review
- The test of an Unfair Term
- Matters relevant in determining whether a term is unfair
- Enforcement, effect and remedies
- Unconscionable conduct and unfair terms
- The Consumer Guarantee Law
- The 'Grey List' of terms that may be unfair
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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OF CONTRACT, 7TH EDITION

Professor Stephen Graw

Offering a clear overview of the principles of contract law and how they apply in practice, Professor Graw's seventh edition incorporates references to the new *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) as it applies to contracts generally but with especial reference to the provisions dealing with misleading and deceptive conduct, consumer guarantees, unjust contracts, exemption clauses, harassment and coercion, the effectiveness of disclaimers and the provision of alternative remedies.

Readers will welcome practical new commentary on matters as varied as the following: how the requirement for a signed memorandum can be satisfied by a series of connected documents; how the exceptions to the parol evidence rule apply, particularly in cases of ambiguity; the basis on which rectification will be ordered; the operation of the pleas of duress, undue influence and unconscionability; the validity of restraint of trade clauses; the consequences of repudiation, and the calculation of damages.

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- Formation
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- Parties
- Express Terms
- Gap Filling
- Consumer Contracts under the Australian Consumer Law
- Performance And Breach
- Termination
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- Insurance Act 1973
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- Accounting Standards AASB 4: Insurance Contracts
- Financial Ombudsman Service General Insurance and Insurance Broking Terms of Reference
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- Covers case law from the UK and European jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction: UK/Commonwealth Date: December 2011, Hardcover Code: 9780414047921 Price: \$769 incl. GST



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Keith Pickavance

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THE INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACTS, 5TH EDITION

Sir Kim Lewison

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