Book Review

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It is not often that you find a text on land dealings and registration of those dealings that is presented in a manner that all readers, whether experienced or new to land law, can use as an easy to understand guide to Land Titles office procedures.

"Land Titling Law & Practice in NSW" written by Greg Stilianou would make a wonderful addition to any Conveyancers reference library. The author, Greg Stilianou, is a lawyer with Legal Services (Property and Litigation Division) Land and Property Information.

The extensive two chapters on caveats are worth the purchase price alone. Everything needed to prepare and register a caveat and then the withdrawal and/or removal of caveats is set out clearly and in detail sufficient for anyone to find anything they needed to know about caveats.

The ultimate aim in any conveyancing transaction is to gain registration of the dealing evidencing the transaction without requisition or delay. This text goes a long way to assisting in the understanding of what is required to achieve registration, how other recordings may have an effect on registration, and provides practical advice on these matters.

A further chapter that was of interest to the writer was on 'writs'. Following *Black and Garnock* (2007) HCA 31 conveyancers have become more aware of writs and the need to be concerned about the gap between settlement and registration. The Chapter on writs is extremely informative and is recommended reading to all conveyancers.

For anyone working in the field of conveyancing this book could end up being the one most used in your property and conveyancing law library.

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