

Amler's Precedents of Pleadings

by LTC Harms assisted by JH Hugo
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There can be little doubt that the long awaited third edition of this book, in a field where very little has been published, will be enthusiastically welcomed by students and legal practitioners.

The 'old Amler' of which the previous (second edition) was published more than two decades ago has been substantially revised and expanded – in fact, it has been rewritten. The author has admirably succeeded in his stated aim, namely 'to provide a practical guide to the pleader'. The full and copious notes accompanying the various precedents which focus on the essential allegations for causes of action or defences, are especially useful in this regard.

The topics covered in the work are wide ranging and it would indeed be in limited fields where the user of the work will not find some guidance. It can be confidently predicted that the work will become the young practitioner's constant companion. The senior practitioner too, will find the work of assistance, especially in those areas which fall outside the scope of his usual sphere of practice.

The work is written in a clear and lucid style and is technically well finished. It contains a Table of Statutes, a Table of Cases, and an index which will help the user find his way through the many precedents included in the work.

This book is a must on the bookshelf of the junior practitioner and is highly recommended to students as well as the more seasoned practitioner.

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Administration of Deceased Estates

by LA Kernick
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As with the first edition which appeared in 1979, this edition is intended to provide the executor of a deceased estate with a concise and methodical exposition of the steps to be taken in his administration of the estate. The book has been expanded to incorporate a more detailed text, and chapters on the administration of the South African estate of a non-resident and the administration of the estate of a Black person.

The text, comprising ten chapters (85 pages), is contained in part 1 of the book while part 2 contains 71 appendices, with cross-references. The appendices include the Administration of Estates Act, 1965, the Estate Duty Act, 1955 the Wills Act, 1953, the Intestate Succession Act, 1987, ss 23 and 35 of the Black Administration Act, 1927, the Trust Property Control Act, 1988, relevant regulations, most forms and standard documents encountered in practice, and other useful information. To ease the task of the executor, the writer even went to the extent of supplying the addresses and telephone numbers of persons and bodies involved in the relevant process.

The work is up to date as at 1 August 1989.

This book is a practical guide not only for the practitioner, but for any executor of a deceased estate.

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National Industrial Council for the Motor Industry – Consolidated Agreements

Edited by the General Secretary and Staff of the Council English/Afrikaans loose-leaf service issue

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In the dynamic field of labour law with an ongoing process of collective bargaining, agreements, and subsequent amendments thereof, are soon virtually unworkably cumbersome due to fragmentation of the main agreement.

The importance of Industrial Council agreements in day to day

practice is beyond question, due to the statutory force they obtain, once published in the *Government Gazette*.

In an industry the size of the motor industry with more than 14 000 employers and 160 000 employees the need to have ready access to an inexpensive, workable and updated version of the agreements relating to it, is real.

Juta & Co has already initiated a loose-leaf service issue consisting of *The Consolidated Agreements for the National Industrial Council for the Iron, Steel, Engineering and Metallurgical Industry* (reviewed by PAK le Roux in *Modern Business Law* 1987 161).

This experiment (if it can still be called such) is repeated for the Motor Industry. The book contains the main agreement between the South African Motor Industry Employers' Association and the South African Motor Vehicle Builders' and Repairers' Association on the one hand, and the Motor Industry Employees Union of South Africa, the Motor Industry Staff Association and the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa on the other hand, which is in effect from 29 August 1988 to 31 August 1993, as amended from time to time. It is published in both official languages, and runs into 397 pages (and xxii). The loose-leaf format of this publication may ensure an updating service on a regular and inexpensive basis.

The agreement consists of definitions and provisions which apply to all establishments in the motor industry (Division A), provisions relating to office, stores, sales and clerical employees (Division B), and special provisions relating to specific establishments registered with the Council. It also contains 6 annexures prescribed by specific clauses of some of the divisions of the main agreement.

The book has a workable index. However, unlike its predecessor, this work does not contain details as to when the original agreement was amended and what the amendments were, and a detailed table reflecting which parties signed the agreement and when. This can, of course, be rectified with the next service issue. Its predecessor was unreservedly recommended to labour lawyers and industrial relations practitioners – so is this publication recommended.

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