

provisions of the 1969 Prescription Act relating to extinctive prescription. Saner's work has the full text of both Prescription Acts as well as a very useful "Easy Reference Table" reflecting prescriptive and expiration periods. Loubser's work contains references to cases reported up to May 1996 and Saner's to cases up to March 1996.

It is submitted that it is not a question of choosing between these two books. They are complementary to each other.

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Books in brief/ Kort begrip van boeke

Nihil Obstat: Feesbundel vir WJ Hosten/Essays in Honour of WJ Hosten

deur CW van Wyk (redakteur) en H van Oosten (assistent-redakteur)

Butterworths (1996)
vii & 291 bladsye
Hardeband R117,42 (BTW ing)

Professor Willy Hosten wat 21 jaar dekaan van die Regsfakulteit van die Universiteit van Suid-Afrika was, het geen bekendstelling nodig nie. Hierdie feesbundel is deur die Eenheid vir Regshistoriese Navorsing van Departement Jurisprudence in 1996 – die jaar waarin die Universiteit van Suid-Afrika 'n ere-doktorsgraad in die regte aan hom toegeken het – tot sy eer uitgegee.

Die feesbundel bevat bydraes wat hoofsaaklik handel oor aspekte van die regsgeeskiedenis, regsvergelyking, Romeinse reg, regsfilosofie en verskeie ander temas.

Lewis and Kyro's Handy Hints on Legal Practice

South African Edition by IM Hoffman

Butterworths (1997)
xii & 325
Soft cover R152,76 (VAT incl)

This is an adaptation of the Australian book, the second edition of which was published in 1993. Although one may get the impression in the foreword to the South African edition

that the book is aimed at the attorney's profession only, it is clear from the contents that the book is intended to have general application. It is relevant to both branches of the profession – advocates as well as attorneys. The book comprises 55 chapters, divided into 10 parts which embrace the main areas of professional activity, i.e. relationships with clients, with other practitioners, with the profession and the community, with the courts, mistakes and misapprehensions, communication and drafting, practice management, working in the law, leaving the law, common legal diseases, and miscellaneous.

The chapter dealing with "Confidentiality and legal professional privilege" contains a brief but useful summary of the law relating to legal professional privilege – adapted by Ms Hoffman to South African law (but, of course, not including a reference to the more recent decision in *Van der Heever v Die Meester en Andere* 1997 (3) SA 93(T) and *Lane NO and Another v Magistrate Wynberg and Others* (1997) 2 AllSA 557 (K).

Of special interest to advocates are the instructive chapters dealing with "Witnesses", "Conducting a case", "Instructing in court", and "From the bench", in the part in which the relationship with the courts is discussed.

The approach of the authors is down-to-earth and practical. Their language is also straightforward, "Shut-up. If it is not your turn to address the bench, shut-up", "Minimise sweet talk", "Screaming, shouting, ranting and histrionics went out with button-up boots".

In the preface to the first edition the authors state that "... [T]his is a simple book. Its main purpose is to bridge, in a modest sort of way, the gap between what law students learn at university and what they need to know to practise law". The authors have succeeded in their task. The book is essential reading matter for pupils (and their masters).

Administration of Estates: English Edition

by NJ Wiechers and I Vorster

Butterworths (1996)
Loose leaf (Service issue 1) R262,20
(VAT incl)

This work is aimed at students and practitioners involved in the administration of estates. It is the English edition of the well-known *Boedelbereddering* now in its third edition (1992).

Basic Sectional Title Book Two by Ted Woudberg

Butterworths (1996)
vii & 132 pages
Soft cover R92-34 (VAT incl)

This new publication complements *Basic Sectional Title* which was first published in April 1994. It updates the reader by highlighting new developments in the industry and dealing with the potential changes to current legislation. In the preface it is stated that the publication is primarily meant as a basic guide for consumers.

South African Labour Glossary by Frans Barker and Maggie Holtzhausen

Juta & Co Ltd (1996)
xii & 195 pages
Soft cover R109 (VAT incl)

This publication has been prepared in response to a constantly growing demand for precise definitions of labour-related terms, in particular relating to the South African labour market. It covers most disciplines in the labour field, e.g. labour relations, labour economics, personnel management and human resource development, etc.

Staatsreg

Tweede uitgawe
deur IM Rautenbach en EFJ Malherbe

Butterworths (1997)
xii & 380 bladsye
Constitutional law
by IM Rautenbach and EFJ Malherbe
Butterworths (1997)
xii & 374 pages
Sagteband/Soft cover R165-30 (BTW ing)

In hierdie tweede uitgawe van *Staatsreg* word die vertaling van die nuwe Grondwet bespreek binne die raamwerk van die algemene beginsels van die staatsreg en met verwysing na die literatuur en regspraak oor die oorgangsgrondwet. Soos die eerste uitgawe is die aanbieding en verduideliking van stof gerig op studente wat die vak staatsreg redelik vroeg in die regsgraad volg. Vrae word aan die einde van afdelings ingesluit vir selfevaluering. 