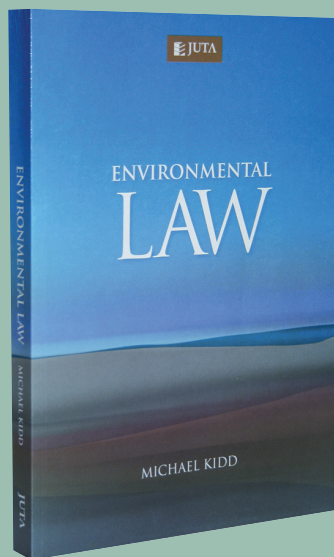


Environmental Law

Second edition by Michael Kidd
Juta Law (2008)
xxiv and 270 pages
Soft cover R280 (VAT incl)



The second edition of this useful work adopts a sensible approach towards its topic which confirms the appropriateness of its place on the bookshelves of both students and practitioners alike. The introductory portions of the book offer a broad overview of the meaning of environmental law, its history and the reasons for its emergence as a branch of the law in South Africa which is increasing in both importance and complexity.

Recognition of the youthfulness of this branch of the law is found in the treatment of the relevant sections of the Constitution 1996, and the broad framework of both historic and existing environmental legislation. The reader is well guided through the interrelationships and complexities of the various Acts of Parliament, and the applicable regulations where promulgated.

The skill of the author as professor of law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, who has taught this subject since its introduction in 1992, is evident from the manner in which cogent academic comment accompanies his treatment of the matrix of legislation, anchored firmly in the context of the applicable principles of environmental law established in the text and with due regard to comparative positions in other jurisdictions, identifying both the successful portions of our existing legislation and areas where, sadly, either the legislation itself falls short of the desired standard or the designated authorities of the South African systems have failed to honour the spirit therein with either the promulgation of regulations or a more effective implementation of the legislated concepts.

The generic grouping of topics within the arrangement of the text contributes much towards the accomplishment of this work as an accessible, easy read which is both informative and authoritative in its critical approach. Further contribution is to be found in the lucid introduction and sensible index which embrace the major portion of the book.

Richard Brooks, Grahamstown



Cooper's Motor Law

Second edition by SV Hoctor
Juta (2008)
Loose leaf hardcover, R595.00 (VAT incl)

Practising members of the legal profession have over the years benefited from an unfortunate abundance of legal work, both civil and criminal, emanating from the driving of motor vehicles. The driving habits displayed on our roads exhibit the prospect of that unfortunate state of affairs to continue. As lawyers we might as well be prepared

to deal with it.

The second edition of *Cooper's Motor Law* was intended to assist in that respect and appears capable of succeeding within the relatively narrow confines it sets out to cover.

The first edition of this work was published in 1982. Since then the Road Traffic Act of 1989 repealed and replaced the various different provincial divisions with a single code. This in turn was replaced by the National Road Traffic Act, 93 of 1996. The need for a work which confines itself to the current legislation was therefore self evident.

This publication sets out to fulfil the void created by the changes in legislation, preserving where appropriate the commentary which appeared in the first edition. This it does by providing a historical overview (probably only useful for small talk at the dinner table) and then dealing comprehensively with the provisions of the National Road Traffic Act, referring to pronouncements and applicable principles as it goes along. This section contains what one would expect in a work of this nature.

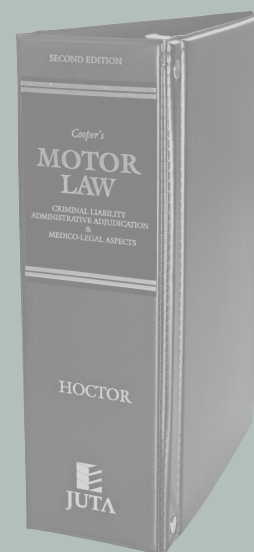
The main section of the work deals with offences under the Act, certain administrative provisions and lesser common rules of the road. Sub-sections herein contained include various commentaries covering topics such as sudden emergency, contributory negligence and various medico-legal matters finding application under the topic.

It does not appear as if the commentaries and the pronouncements contained in this work were intended to be the final word on the topic but rather a relatively comprehensive summary of the applicable principles. In that sense it succeeds and no doubt when skilfully employed by a lawyer will continue to confuse magistrates and prosecutors for many years to come.

Although the purchase of a loose leaf publication has unfortunately close ties to the misery of a maintenance order, it is sensible for this work to be presented in that form so as to ensure that it does not with the passage of time become valueless, as happened to its predecessor.

This is a work which is highly recommended to all practitioners active in the realm of criminal law.

Antonie Troskie SC, Durban Bar.



Unjustified Enrichment

By Daniel Visser
Juta (2008)
xliii & 795 pages
Hard cover R795.00
Soft cover R680.00 (VAT incl)

Until recently, it was contract and delict that occupied the posh suburbs in the law of obligations. Residentially speaking, unjustified enrichment was a dilapidated dwelling in the downmarket end of town: below-the-line, off-the-map and in urgent need of renovation. Then a series of international developments conspired to make enrichment a fashionable and, indeed, sexy area of the law; all of a sudden,