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Corones' Australian Consumer Law

Jeannie Marie Patterson, 5th edn, Thomson Reuters, 2023, pb \$168

Staying up-to-date with the evolving consumer law landscape is imperative to providing competent advice. This book stands out as the key text on consumer law in Australia, offering a comprehensive and insightful analysis of the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). Covering product liability, consumer guarantees, unfair contract terms, misleading or deceptive conduct and statutory unconscionability, this book is a valuable resource.

Beginning with an exploration of the policy, design and operation of the ACL, Patterson provides readers with a deep understanding of the consumer law's history and objectives.

The book also examines specific consumer protections, such as consumer guarantees, which form a cornerstone of consumer law in Australia. Lawyers will benefit from the practical guidance offered in navigating claims related to product liability and safety regulation, given the potential for significant financial and reputational repercussions in such cases.

Of particular current significance is the comprehensive coverage of unfair contract terms, an area that has gained increasing attention in recent years. Patterson's detailed analysis provides valuable insights into the application of the unfair contract terms regime for businesses and consumers alike.

This is an indispensable resource for lawyers seeking to navigate the complexities of consumer law in Australia. Its in-depth analysis, coupled with its clear and well-structured approach, make it a valuable addition to any legal library. ■

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