

BOOK REVIEW

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION

Annotations and Commentary

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A WISE INVESTMENT FOR THE INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONER – NOW WITH ONLINE UPDATES

An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of
Richmond Green Chambers

If you are a practitioner grappling with insolvency issues on behalf of clients, this is the work of reference you need. Recently published by Jordans, this new fourth edition of over 2,000 pages (yet handy enough in paperback format) has apparently been five years in the making.

According to the editors, Louis Doyle and Andrew Keay, the publication of this edition was deliberately postponed in anticipation that there might emerge ‘an overhauled version of the Insolvency rules’. As it has transpired, this ‘overhaul’ has reached the stage, say the authors, ‘of the draft version of the new Rules...presently under consultation’. These drafts, readers should note, are available on the Insolvency Services website.

As the subtitle indicates, the book provides commentary and annotations on all the relevant case law and legislative amendments pertaining to insolvency. The starting point, as the authors state, is naturally the Insolvency Act 1986 which for a number of reasons, represents a major current reform of UK insolvency law. Following the Act, a number of pieces of insolvency legislation both primary and secondary, have been enacted, including the more recently introduced Insolvency Rules 2005.

It is on key primary legislation that his book provides most valued practical guidance. It identifies key legal principles, comments in detail on practical issues and procedures and defines certain specific wording and terminology.

As you would expect, this new edition contains a wealth of new material, including amendments to the Insolvency Rules and new case law in international insolvency. Lawyers practising internationally will be pleased to note that there is useful and detailed coverage of issues pertaining to the European Insolvency Regulations and the Cross Border Insolvency Regulations -- and much more besides. For those doing further research, there are at least a hundred pages of the book given over to tables of cases, statutes, statutory instruments SIPs and Dear IPs.

A new and welcome development in connection with this book is that the text will be available online as part of Jordans' Insolvency Law Online service and scheduled to be updated every six months, possibly quarterly.

When you are preparing a case, conferring with clients or colleagues, or providing advocacy in court, quick access to such reliable information -- which is complete and contemporary-- is certainly a time-saver. Everything considered, adding this book -- especially with its linked online facilities -- to your professional library couldn't be anything but a wise investment.

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