

Construction Contract Law The Essentials

The success of every construction project begins with reading and understanding the contract. Contract Administrators and Project Managers for all parties in the construction process must realize the major impact their actions have on cost, schedule, and quality in relation to the contract terms and conditions. Written in a clear and accessible way from a Constructor's perspective, Successful Contract Administration guides the student through the critical issues of understanding contract law and obligations for effective project execution. Through examples, exercises, and case studies, this textbook will: Improve knowledge and comprehension of key contract elements Help the student apply knowledge to real case scenarios Improve the student's ability to analyze and create different scenarios for success Evaluate critical issues of responsibility and ethics in relation to contract administration. The text is supported by a companion website featuring additional resources for both students and instructors. Resources for the student include additional case studies, links to useful websites, video commentary and interviews for increased understanding of important chapter material, true/false sample quiz questions and a flashcard glossary to reinforce comprehension of key terms and concepts. Additional instructor material includes a testbank of questions, (including true/false, multiple choice, and sample essay questions), website links to contract documents and PowerPoint slides.

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Hudson's is recognised as a source of reliable information on the interpretation and drafting of building and civil engineering contracts. This edition covers recent developments in the law on construction contracts.

A practical, step-by-step guide on how to prepare and respond to construction claims. Everyone involved in the preparation or review of construction claims should have this book to hand. The book examines the different types of claim common to construction contracts and presents a step-by-step guide to demonstrate the process of building up a fully detailed claim submission. It includes advice on: Contract administration for claims and claims avoidance. Identifying the various types of claim. The key points for an effective claim or response document. The essential elements to be included in a claim or response. Extension of time claims. Claims for additional payment. Principles of delay analysis. Quantum calculations. Responses and determinations to achieve agreement and avoid disputes. A note on dispute boards. The advice given in the book is supported by worked examples of typical claims and responses with sample wording. The book includes a foreword by Roger Knowles, who has this to say: "The book is without a doubt fully comprehensive and goes through the preparation of a claim from A to Z. I have no hesitation in recommending it to students, beginners, those involved on a day-to-day basis with time and cost on projects, as well as the seasoned claims consultants". This book is suitable for contracts managers, commercial managers, project managers, quantity surveyors, engineers and architects. A practical, step-by-step guide on how to prepare and respond to construction claims. Everyone involved in the preparation or review of construction claims should have this book to hand. The book examines the different types of claim common to construction contracts and presents a step-by-step guide to demonstrate the process of building up a fully detailed claim submission. It includes advice on: Contract administration for claims and claims avoidance. Identifying the various types of claim. The key points for an

As the only single-volume treatment of French and German contract law in the English language, this book will be invaluable to British businesses trading with France and Germany, to lawyers who may be called upon to advise such businesses and to professionals in the construction industry who may be carrying out work in France or Germany.

"Where do you turn if you are an architect or student wanting to deepen those skill sets that will make you a more successful professional? Well, taking a look at Ava Abramowitz's new book, "The Architect's Essentials of Negotiation" will be a step in the right direction." —Robert Greenstreet, Dean, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning This is an essential guide for architects and their clients and consultants who need professional advice on negotiations, from design development to agreements and fees. Contractors will want to read it, too, especially if they are involved with Integrated Project Delivery. This new edition offers updated insights related to negotiation, with references to the AIA Contract Documents, communication, collaboration, and handling disputes, change, and claims.

UNDERSTANDING AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS offers an original analysis of four commonly used construction contracts in Australia. Authors Ian H Bailey SC and Matthew Bell explore the substantive provisions of the AS 2124-1992, AS 4000-1997, ABIC MW-1 2003 and PC-1 1998 contracts. The book is logically divided into 33 topic headings that reflect major practical and risk allocation issues pertaining to Australian construction contracts. At the conclusion of each topic you will find a handy comparative table which summarises key aspects of the four forms. The book also provides references to Australian cases, journal articles and texts relevant to the topic of discussion. UNDERSTANDING AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS explores the subtle differences between each of the four contracts and allows readers to decide which contract best suits their needs. It is an invaluable resource for lawyers, construction managers, architects, quantity surveyors, contract administrators and all other participants in the construction industry.

Explains construction professional practice in an appealing, succinct, and relatively informal way This book details the management of construction projects from beginning to end, concentrating on the principles underlying what construction professionals like architects do. It covers the entire process—from the initial meetings with clients through the design, recruitment of a contractor, contract management, construction, and handover—all without referencing legal cases, contract clause numbers, laws, statutes, or the complex jargon that can muddle comprehension. The first part of Professional Practice for Architects and Project Managers offers enlightening chapters that cover: professional standards, perks of the job, bonds and parent company guarantees, office meetings, letter writing, the RIBA Plan of Work, and Building Information Modelling (BIM). The second section teaches all about dealing with the clients, and includes chapters that discuss the extent of services, fee negotiations, conflicts of interest, and more. Next the book looks at such on-the-job responsibilities as surveys, ground investigations, cost estimates, work schedules, letters of intent, etc. The final section goes over everything readers need to know about dealing with a building contract in progress, informing them about advance payments, insurance, site inspections, contractor disputes, terminations, final certificates, and more. Details the entire process of managing a construction project, including dealing with clients, the design process, running a construction project, and more Highlights what the construction professionals do in their positions Shows how principles of construction management are applied in practice Written in a reader-friendly and accessible way Professional Practice for Architects and Project Managers is an excellent resource for architects and other construction professionals such as contract administrators, project managers, quantity surveyors, and contractors.

It is important and advisable for parties entering into any significant economic transaction to enter into written contracts. This is especially true for construction projects which are complicated and complex in nature. It is very important for construction professionals to understand contract law as a contract on a construction project sets forth the parties' obligations to each other and determines how risks will be shared or divided on the project. In recent years numerous books have been published on the law of contracts, but most of them are written aiming for the legal professionals and students and devoid of serving the needs of the construction industry both nationally and international. In this book an effort is made to serve the needs of construction students and professionals. The book consists of 13 Chapters and supported with Bibliography. Chapter 1 consists of Introduction on the subject. Chapter 2 consists of Formation of a Contract. Chapter 3 consists of Consideration. Chapter 4 consists of Intention to Create Legal Relations. Chapter 5 consists of Capacity to Form a Contract. Chapter 6 consists of Contents of a Contract. Chapter 7 consists of Privity Of Contract. Chapter 8 consists of Discharge of Contracts. Chapter 9 consists of: Contracts Remedies. Chapter 10 consists of Types Of Construction Contracts. Chapter 11 Consists of Formation Of Construction Contract. Chapter 12 consists of Some Key Premises Of A Construction Contract. Chapter 13 consists of Summary And Conclusion. The Book is supported with Bibliography.

Which Contract? is an invaluable desktop companion to be turned to at the start of every new project and is recommended to any professional whose clients expect him or her to know the contemporary procurement landscape inside out. Providing clear guidance on how to identify the most appropriate procurement strategy and contract for a given set of circumstances, it has been brought fully up to date to take account of the latest editions of all the recognised forms from JCT 2011 to FIDIC.

Offers students with a logical introduction to contract law. Exploring various developments and case decisions in the field of contract law, this title combines an examination of authorities and commentaries with a modern contextual approach.

Outlining the basics of construction law, this guide explains the major principles of construction law in a logical, useful format. A must-have for any lawyer practicing in the area, particularly those new to the field, chapters are written by some of the best and most experienced practitioners in construction law. Covering the subjects at the heart of every construction project and dispute, chapter authors offer critical perspective by explaining the views and roles of key parties, including owner, designer, contractor, and surety. In addition to discussing important contract provisions, other topics include insurance, scheduling, government contracts, defects, damages, and ADR.

Construction Law in Australia is an authoritative and accessible text on the law relating to building and construction in Australia and now appears in its fourth edition. Ian Bailey SC, working with a team of experienced practitioners, provides succinct, yet accurate, legal statements which explain the legal and practical context in which the industry operates. Key topics include: The Australian legal system Understanding the law Regulation of construction Participants in the industry Contract law Tort law Property law Procurement methodologies Key issues in construction contracts Standard forms Professional liability NEW - Insuring risk in construction projects Dispute avoidance, management and resolution Conduct of construction disputes In addition, the book outlines a wealth of resources to help readers understand the latest developments in each area. This highly respected title provides a comprehensive overview of the law and is an invaluable resource for students, legal practitioners and construction professionals including engineers, architects and builders.

A straightforward description providing readers with a guide to contract law as it relates to construction contracting. Thoroughly explains when a lawyer may or may not be needed and offers guidance for working with one. Prior notice provisions, no damage for delay clauses and conditional payment provisions are among the topics covered. Includes hundreds of actual construction cases.

Definitive guide to mastering Design-Build Design-Build (D-B) -- the project delivery system in which one firm contracts to provide all of the architectural, engineering, and construction services on a project -- is expected to dominate the market by the year 2005. Studded with illustrative case histories, Design-Build: Planning Through Development, by Jeffrey Beard, Michael Loulakis, Esq., and Edward Wundram, is the first book to cover every legal, technical, and administrative aspect of Design-Build. Whether you're a design or construction professional or an owner, this authoritative and up-to-date manual gives you the across-the-board, real-world answers you need for timely, glitch-free, and cost-effective projects. You get expert architectural and engineering advice on: *Procuring services *Developing RFQs and RFPs *Organizing and managing contracts *Estimating *Allocating risks * Obtaining insurance and bonding * Much more

The 5th edition provides thorough treatment of one of the most fundamental areas of law - the interpretation of contracts. All those drafting, revising or advising on written agreements will benefit from its detailed discussion of the rules of contract interpretation. Although the legal principles involved in construction contracts and their management and administration are an aspect of general contract law, the practical and commercial complexities of the construction industry have increasingly made this a specialist field. Recognizing this, Construction Contracts is a fully revised edition of the UK's leading textbook on the law governing this area. Brought up to date with recent cases and developments in the law as it stands at July 2000, this new edition: takes full account of the effects of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, the Arbitration Act 1996, the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and the changes in the legal system brought about by the Woolf reforms includes extended coverage of financial protection, construction insurance and tendering controls, as well as the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations has been revised to take account of changes to the common standard-form contracts, particularly the New Engineering Contract and the GC/Works family of contracts. Retaining the same basic approach as its successful predecessors, this important text introduces the general principles that underlie contracts in construction, illustrating them by reference to the most important standard forms currently in use.

ABOUT THIS BOOK This book assists the reader and provides value in three ways: First, model contract language in the form of commercial terms and conditions are provided. Second, the contract language is annotated with explanations and suggestions for each of the key articles. Third, summaries of actual litigated cases are provided in synopsis form. This triple combination of language, annotations and key case synopses all work together to instruct and enlighten the reader. WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS BOOK "This book is a superb tool for anyone who relies upon contracts in their business dealings..." Nick Conca, Esq. Chief Claims Officer, Markel Corporation "The authors have hit the ball out of the park! They have crafted an easy to read and easy to understand contracts primer that all supply / demand chain professionals will embrace..." Dan Klepacki, MBA, BS Engineering Adjunct Professor - Rutgers Business School and Senior Industry Advisor Rutgers SCM Program "This book should be required reading for any Project Manager..." Frank V. Cielo, PMP Head of Operational Excellence KEMA Laboratories Chalfont

DNV GL Energy "After having read Model Contract Terms and Conditions With Annotations and Case Studies, by Paul Humbert and Robert Mastice, I hope that this treatise becomes a standard manual in any situation where personnel have to develop and draft contracts in any business setting...." Glenn A. Montgonery, Esq., B.A., M.A., J.D. Montgomery, Chapin & Fetten, P.C.

"Finally, a concise, annotated source of model contract terms and conditions with case summaries and citations prepared by those with actual, hands-on experience with complex project management transactions..." Glen Clark, Esq. Managing Partner Riker

Danzig, Esqs. "The authors' practical experience and technical knowledge combine to provide a valuable guide for executives in the industry. This book contains valuable, real-world framework for successful capital project execution..." Guy Cipriano, P.E.

President-EI Associates "Authors Paul Humbert and Robert Mastice do an exquisite job of simplifying and decomposing a complex topic in a pragmatic way..." Charlie White Entrepreneur & Principal Partner Thwakk, Inc "Contracts make the commercial world go

round. The authors have done a stellar job of demystifying the contracting process, and what can be intimidating "legal" terms and conditions..." James A. Silva VP Solution & Business Development HD Supply - Power Solutions "Paul Humbert and Robert

Mastice have written an invaluable resource for any business person or attorney who deals with commercial contracts. They provide section by section explanations of the purpose of, and rationale for, a wide range of common commercial contract

provisions. Their commentary is illuminating for anyone who deals with those types of provisions. I have practiced law for more than 35 years. I wish that a resource like this had been available to me when I began to practice. I recommend it wholeheartedly to

anyone, lawyer or non-lawyer, who would like to increase his or her understanding of commercial contracts." Richard Cogen, Esq. Partner Nixon Peabody, LLP OTHER BENEFITS OF THIS BOOK This book also facilitates the creation of a project or transaction

specific Contract Management Plan. ("CMP"). A CMP is essentially an internal document prepared by either the Company or the Contractor for use by their respective employees in managing the transaction that is the subject of the Contract. The CMP is not

shared with the other party since it deals exclusively with the internal considerations and mechanics associated with one party's administration and management of its rights and responsibilities under the Contract. The CMP supplements the Contract and also

permits a documented methodology for applying lessons learned from past transactions.

Contracts are vital to the construction delivery process; they direct and govern every move. This book strips the legal mystique and jargon from contracts and exposes their basic logic.

This volume presents a well-analyzed inside view of Chinese contract law in theory and practice, which will be of interest to both academic researchers and practitioners in this area.

The second edition of Construction All Risks Insurance will be essential reading for both lawyers and insurance brokers in the field of construction insurance. Building on its reputation as the definitive reference for practitioners, and updated with respect to the

Insurance Act of 2015, Construction All Risks is the go-to guide looking for answers in construction insurance

Risk, and the headaches that go with it, have always been a major part of any construction project -- risk of loss, negative cash flow,

construction claims, regulations, excessive changes, disputes, slow pay -- sometimes you'll make money, and often you won't. But many contractors today are avoiding almost all of that risk by working under a construction management contract, where they are simply a paid

consultant to the owner, running the job, but leaving him the risk. This manual is the how-to of construction management contracting. You'll learn how the process works, how to get started as a CM contractor, what the job entails, how to deal with the issues that come up, when to

step back, and how to get the job completed on time and on budget. Includes a link to free downloads of CM contracts legal in each state.

This comprehensive and popular textbook aims to bridge the gap between theoretical study and practical application. It covers the essentials of construction contracts, including how the law has developed, the reasoning behind key clauses and how contract law is applied in practice,

and it helps to make the transition from student to practitioner manageable. This text is intended for all undergraduates studying a construction contract law or a contract administration module or unit. It is ideal for postgraduate degrees in quantity surveying and building

surveying, construction project management, and construction management. Civil engineers and students of architecture and architectural technology will find it provides a comprehensive guide to the law in the construction context. It is also very comprehensive in scope and

provides sufficient materials to bridge the gap between the student and professional texts. New to this Edition: - Discussion of the implementation of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, amending the Housing Grants Construction and

Regeneration Act 1996 - Updates to sections on the formation of contracts, mistakes in tenders, equitable remedies, agency and supervision, and the immunity of expert witnesses, reflecting the latest Supreme Court judgements - Clarification of the relationship between construing

and implication of terms, and the law on construction operations - Expansion of the case law on professional liability, and on the Defective Premises Act as a statutory term - More real-world construction examples to illustrate concepts and theories

The new, tenth edition of the Essentials of Business Law program is a practical, concise, and broad-based introduction to the vibrant field of business law. While continuing to offer all of the features that have made the nine prior editions successful, this new edition includes a new

chapter on the areas of law affected by social media, updated content, and enhanced support materials. Both the traditional areas of law, such as contracts and property, and the emerging areas of law, such as e-commerce and environmental, are covered in short, informative

chapters written to capture the essence of each topic. The objective of the text throughout its coverage is ease--ease of use, ease of teaching, ease of assessment, and ease of understanding. It has been developed for those seeking a more fundamental overview of the

concepts and principles that are vital to the understanding of business law.

Contracts: A Modern Coursebook, Second Edition by Ben Templin is an innovative coursebook unlike any other on the market. The book takes a hybrid approach between a "traditional" casebook and a problems-based casebook, incorporating a more thorough discussion of the

law followed by cases then problems. Featuring a unique design that engages the reader and incorporates professional skills and experiential-type learning, Contracts: A Modern Coursebook is a revolutionary, classroom-tested book. Rather than playing "hide the ball," professors

using this book will be able to say, "Here's the ball. Let's play catch." New to the Second Edition: Now Over 500 Questions and Problems, nearly doubling the number of questions and answers for professors to use to assess students. A new section—Questions for Review—tests

students' understanding of the law before they try the more difficult analytic problems. Enhanced analytic problems—updated based on feedback from professors and students New cases with tighter editing to adjust the mix between classic and contemporary cases for greater

balance, and to focus on the core lesson More flowcharts and tables, providing additional visual learning aids to help students synthesize concepts More examples and case illustrations to keep students engaged and to stimulate critical thinking Design enhancements, including a

redesign of "Rule Boxes" that makes parsing the rule statements easier for students A new numbering system to more easily track "Learning Outcomes" to "Explanations" to "Case Law" to "Assessments" Professors and students will benefit from: Learning Objectives: Unlike

traditional casebooks, every chapter begins with three to seven precise learning goals. Millennials respond positively when learning objectives are stated at the beginning of a lesson. The defined learning objectives for each chapter help professors comply with ABA

requirements to establish learning outcomes that consist of "clear and concise statements of knowledge that students are expected to acquire." Clear and Concise Explanations of the Law: Much like a hornbook, every chapter provides clear and concise explanations of the law. Overarching rules are identified and highlighted visually. An analytical framework is provided to help students parse the rule. Examples

and Case Illustrations explain the parameters and application of the rule. Test Yourself questions are embedded exercises within the explanation section to let students assess their understanding of the rules. Case Law—Developing Critical Reasoning Skills: Since students learn the law before reading the cases, the focus of case analysis is on the reasoning that the court applies. By posing direct questions and giving students prompts to respond to as they read the case, students build critical reasoning skills, and, as a result, are better prepared for class. Problem Solving and Analysis—Built-in Formative Assessment: At the end of each chapter, the Problem Solving and Analysis section provides students the opportunity to build critical thinking skills (the highest level of Bloom's Taxonomy of Educational Objectives) through a series of thought-provoking hypotheticals based on real-world scenarios. The rich set of questions builds accountability and addresses the challenge of providing in-semester formative feedback to large classes to help professors comply with ABA formative assessment standards. Contemporary Layout and Design: The contemporary book design is optimized to improve readability, heighten student engagement, and increase retention. Concise and Compact: Shorter than competing casebooks, the casebook can be used in 4-credit, 5-credit, or 6-credit courses. Classroom Tested: Contracts: A Modern Coursebook has been classroom tested over three years. More than 400 students have used the text for both the first year contracts course and as a supplement for a third year remedies course. Students have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the content, format, and approach.

A less-expensive grayscale paperback version is available. Search for ISBN 9781680923018. Business Law I Essentials is a brief introductory textbook designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of courses on Business Law or the Legal Environment of Business. The concepts are presented in a streamlined manner, and cover the key concepts necessary to establish a strong foundation in the subject. The textbook follows a traditional approach to the study of business law. Each chapter contains learning objectives, explanatory narrative and concepts, references for further reading, and end-of-chapter questions. Business Law I Essentials may need to be supplemented with additional content, cases, or related materials, and is offered as a foundational resource that focuses on the baseline concepts, issues, and approaches.

Construction Contract Essentials in Hong Kong is written with construction professionals in mind. By incorporating information from eminent arbitrators and construction law experts, this book offers highly practical and discerning legal knowledge on common contractual issues that face construction professionals every day. The book consists of eight chapters that range from the interpretation of construction contracts to contractual termination and alternative dispute resolution. Each chapter is divided into sections that cover specific issues, making it easy for readers to find a particular topic. Key case laws regulating the main areas of contractual disputes in the construction industry are discussed, with a view to providing crucial insights into the current norms and recent developments affecting the daily administration of construction contracts and the resolution of possible disputes.

This book provides a comprehensive commentary and guidance to readers on the current edition (1999 Edition) of General Conditions of Contract for Civil Engineering Works (the "General Conditions"), which the Hong Kong Government uses for all its civil engineering contracts. The book describes 46 out of 90 clauses in the General Conditions and their practical application, with explanations in plain and simple language under such headings as Commentary, Analysis and Application. The listing of equivalent clauses of the more user-friendly English ICE Conditions and the international FIDIC Conditions together enables the readers to understand the meaning of the General Conditions from a different context. For those readers who find it easier to read in Chinese, the translation will help them to compare with and understand the original English text. The book is therefore useful to students, consulting engineers, surveyors and lawyers who want to understand more about the Hong Kong construction practice.

In Construction Contract Law, Adriaanse tackles the key aspects of this subject with total clarity and precision. The book first examines the nature of construction contracts and then takes the reader through each aspect of the construction process, explaining its significance to the practice of contract law and the reasoning behind it. This third edition has been thoroughly updated to incorporate recent developments and now includes proposed amendments to the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996. Students at undergraduate, postgraduate and construction professional level, as well as contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in the industry, will find this to be an invaluable resource for understanding the workings of a construction contract.

Featuring a Foreword by Roger Knowles FRICS, FCI Arb, FQSi, Barrister The book discusses the different types of claim common to construction contracts and presents a step-by-step guide which demonstrates the process of building up the submission of a claim. It includes guidelines as to how to set out the claim, section by section in a logical manner to ensure that the essentials of a successful claim are included. Worked examples of claims for variations, extensions of time and additional payment are included together with sample wording showing precisely how the claim may be presented in a manner which will lead the reviewer to a logical conclusion - or at least contain a persuasive argument to support the claimant's case. The vast majority of claims are managed without the need to resort to case law or legal matters. Construction Claims: effective writing & responses therefore discusses what the claim is trying to achieve and how to do this in a logical and persuasive manner This is a practical, hands-on guide for the construction industry professional which explains how to approach the preparation of the claim document, what topics to cover, how to present the essential elements and how to compile the submission document into a user friendly and comprehensive document. For those whose job it is to review such submissions, it advises how to prepare responses which set out the respondent's counter arguments, points of view and determinations. The guide covers: The various types of claim. How the claim may be split into sections dealing with the details of the contract, the cause, the effect, entitlement and quantum. What this section is attempting to demonstrate or achieve and why. What should be included within the section and why. Worked examples of typical claims and responses with sample wording.

Brian Samuels has drawn on his experiences as a lawyer, educator, and professional engineer in writing this definitive new text on construction law. In Construction Law Samuels clarifies the confusing complexities of the law and creates a text oriented to students and practitioners in construction, engineering, and architecture. This text educates and advises the reader on vital topics of both U.S. and Canadian law that other texts often overlook. Basic principles are illustrated through the use of easy-to-follow actual case examples. This text enables the reader to understand essential legal principles that will aid in decision making and dispute avoidance.

This book examines 200 contractual problems which regularly arise on building and engineering projects and provides a detailed explanation of their solutions, citing standard contract conditions and key parts of legal judgements as authority. A succinct summary is provided at the end of each detailed solution. It covers problems together with their solutions in respect of: Procurement matters Tenders and bidding Design issues Letters of intent Contractor's programme Contractor's float Delays Concurrent Delays Extensions of time Liquidated/delay damages Unliquidated damages Variations Loss and expense/additional cost claims Acceleration Global claims Payment Damage to the works Exclusion clauses Retention of title Practical completion Defect correction Adjudication This book deals with a broad range of construction contracts including JCT Standard Form and Design and Build, New Engineering Contract NEC3, ICE and GC/Works/1. This book was first published under the title of One Hundred Contractual Problems and Their Solutions, with a second edition entitled One Hundred and Fifty Contractual Problems and their Solutions. This third edition adds 50 new problems and replaces 15 of those in the last edition. Of the remainder half have been the subject of revision. "Deserves a place on every site and in every office as the standard handbook on contractual problems" —Construction Law Digest

Create and Review Your Own Contracts Minimize your legal risks and lock in profits as experienced contract attorney Laura Plimpton walks you through a fail-safe method of reviewing any contract. Learn to identify and neutralize the trick phrases that can create enormous risks for

you and your business. Plimpton's expert advice can save you thousands of dollars in legal fees and may just prevent you from entering into a contract that could bankrupt your business. Plimpton covers: • A 10-minute foolproof system for reviewing any business contract • 23 terms that bulletproof a contract • 6 secrets for successful contracts • 5 terms that can ruin a deal • Powerful strategies for turning any contract to your advantage Use this arsenal of tools to protect your business by making sure every contract you sign is fair and binding. Critical Checklists and Sample Contracts on CD-ROM! Sample Contracts include: • Consulting Agreement • Construction Agreement • Service Agreement • Assignment and Assumption Agreement • Independent Contractor Agreement • Facility Agreement • Terms of Sale • Terms of Purchase Plus critical checklists for: • Modifying or extending an existing contract • Service agreements where your company is the service provider • Purchase orders where your company is the seller or buyer • Contracts where your company is the buyer of services • And more! Covering the essentials of construction contracts, including how the law has developed, the reasoning behind key clauses and how contract law is applied in practice, this is an invaluable guide for students at undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as for professionals working in the field.

Critical theory, characteristically linked with the politics of theoretical engagement, covers the manifold of the connections between theory and praxis. This thought-provoking Research Handbook captures the broad range of those connections as far as legal thought is concerned and retains an emphasis both on the politics of theory, and on the notion of theoretical engagement. The first part examines the question of definition and tracks the origins and development of critical legal theory along its European and North American trajectories. The second part looks at the thematic connections between the development of legal theory and other currents of critical thought such as; Feminism, Marxism, Critical Race Theory, varieties of post-modernism, as well as the various 'turns' (ethical, aesthetic, political) of critical legal theory. The third and final part explores particular fields of law, addressing the question how the field has been shaped by critical legal theory, or what critical approaches reveal about the field, with the clear focus on opportunities for social transformation.

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