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This book provides an overview of approaches to assist researchers and practitioners to explore ways of undertaking research in the information literacy field. The first chapter provides an introductory overview of research by Dr Kirsty Williamson (author of *Research Methods for Students, Academics and Professionals: Information Management and Systems*) and this sets the scene for the rest of the chapters where each author explores the key aspects of a specific method and explains how it may be applied in practice. The methods covered include those representing qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods. Both a chapter on the topical evidence-based practice approach, and another critiquing it, are also included. The final chapter points the way towards potential new directions for the burgeoning field. Renowned information literacy researcher Dr Christine Bruce affirms the usefulness of the book: 'New researchers and early career professionals will appreciate the clarity of the introductions provided' to each of the methods covered.

This third edition of *Teaching and the Case Method* is a further response to increased national and international interest in teaching, teachers, and learning, as well as the pressing need to enhance instructional effectiveness in the widest possible variety of settings. Like its predecessors, this edition celebrates the joys of teaching and learning at their best and emphasizes the reciprocal exchange of wisdom that teachers and students can experience. It is based on the belief that teaching is not purely a matter of inborn talent. On the contrary, the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that make for excellence in teaching can be analyzed, abstracted, and learned. One key premise of *Teaching and the Case Method* is that all teaching and learning involve a core of universally applicable principles that can be discerned and absorbed through the study and discussion of cases.

Ethical Issues in Accounting offers a comprehensive and accessible introduction for students and teachers of business studies and accountancy as well as the practicing accountant. The book covers the ethical implications of several aspects of accounting: * ethics and taxation * creative accounting * ethics in accounting regulation * ethical dilemmas in the public sector * whistleblowing * various aspects of social accounting, including environmental accounting. The fitness of the accounting profession as guardians of accounting and auditing ethics is also discussed in detail.

America's high incarceration rates are a well-known facet of contemporary political conversations. Mentioned far less often is what happens to the nearly 700,000 former prisoners who rejoin society each year. *On the Outside* examines the lives of twenty-two people--varied in race and gender but united by their time in the criminal justice system--as they pass out of the prison gates and back into the world. The book takes a clear-eyed look at the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated citizens as they try to find work, housing, and stable communities. Standing alongside these individual portraits is a quantitative study conducted by the authors that followed every state prisoner in Michigan who was released on parole in 2003 (roughly 11,000 individuals) for the next seven years, providing a comprehensive view of their postprison neighborhoods, families, employment, and contact with the parole system. *On the Outside* delivers a powerful combination of hard data and personal narrative that shows why our country continues to struggle with the social and economic reintegration of the formerly incarcerated.

"Early treatment of computer law was no more than the application of existing principles to novel sets of facts. Today, it has been recognized generally that computing technology does indeed give rise to unique legal problems which are not resolvable by applying existing legal principles. This is particularly apparent where transactions are carried out through the exchange of digital information rather than human interaction. The developing law which seeks to resolve these problems is at the heart of the latest edition of this book, now established as a standard text on computer law for students, practitioners, and business in general for whom information technology is an integral part of their daily activities."--BOOK JACKET.

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Non-literal language is ubiquitous in everyday life, and while hyperbole is a major part of this, it has so far remained relatively unexplored. This volume provides the first investigation of hyperbole in English, drawing on data from genres such as spoken conversation, TV, newspapers, and literary works from Chaucer to Monty Python. Combining quantitative and qualitative analyses, it uses approaches from semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis and classical rhetoric to investigate in detail both speaker-centered and emotive aspects of hyperbole, and also addressee-related aspects, such as interpretation and interactional uptake. Illustrated with a range of diachronic case studies, hyperbole is also shown to be a main means of linguistic creativity, and an important contributor to language change. The book concludes with an exploration of the role of hyperbole in political speaking, humour, and literature. Original and in-depth, it will be invaluable to all those working on meaning, discourse, and historical linguistics.

For one of two semester undergraduate courses in Business Law. This text explains contemporary business law with stories that stick, so students move beyond memorization to a greater conceptual understanding of the field.

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This volume contributes to a fresh perspective on the economic and finance research on international financial markets and also the commodity markets by examining various factors that affect information transmission and pricing relation in the spot and derivatives markets in the United States and internationally.

This book presents an overview of inter-municipal cooperation in eight European countries. Each country study sketches its attendant forms, their institutional design, the tasks and competencies attributed to joint authorities of municipalities and the way inter-municipal cooperation operates in practice. Both performance and democratic aspects of cooperation are recurring topics.

Marketing expert Martha Barletta presents a business case for why marketing professionals should focus their undivided attention on the largest untapped market in the world - women. She provides a detailed field guide for creating and executing a complete marketing plan that targets women.

Global activity has broadly strengthened and is expected to improve further in 2014–15, according to the April 2014 WEO, with much of the impetus for growth coming from advanced economies. Although downside risks have diminished overall, lower-than-expected inflation poses risks for advanced economies, there is increased financial volatility in emerging market economies, and increases in the cost of capital will likely dampen investment and weigh on growth. Advanced economy policymakers need to avoid a premature withdrawal of monetary accommodation. Emerging market economy policymakers

must adopt measures to changing fundamentals, facilitate external adjustment, further monetary policy tightening, and carry out structural reforms. The report includes a chapter that analyzes the causes of worldwide decreases in real interest rates since the 1980s and concludes that global rates can be expected to rise in the medium term, but only moderately. Another chapter examines factors behind the fluctuations in emerging market economies' growth and concludes that strong growth in China played a key role in buffering the effects of the global financial crisis in these economies.

This book examines the EC's movement towards a stable, unified European economy in 1992. Contents: Introduction; Section I: The European Community: Looking Towards 1992; Section II: The Impact of the 1992 Movement On Europe; The Economic and Political Meaning of Europe 1992; The Integration of Systems and Non-Systems: E.C. '92 and the German Transportation Carriers; The Emerging Social Dimensions of Europe 1992; Section III: The Technological Challenge; Forging the European Technology Community; Technology, Competitiveness and Cooperation in Europe; Defence Technology and European Security in the 1990s; Section IV: The Tripartite Relationship; European Management of Trilateral Interdependencies; The U.S. View of EC 1992; The Impact on Global Corporate Competition and Multinational Corporate Strategy; Signposts on the Road to Trade Policy Reform in Agriculture; Will Japan Seek Regionalism?; Section V: The E.C. and the Third World; 1992 and ACP Trade Prospects; Development Assistance Under Lome IV: Politics or Economics?.

How do we objectively measure scientific activities? What proportion of economic activities should a society devote to research and development? How can public-sector and private-sector research best be directed to achieve social goals? Governments and researchers from industrial countries have been measuring science and technology for more than eighty years. This book provides the first comprehensive account of the attempts to measure science and technology activities in Western countries and the successes and shortcomings of statistical systems. Godin guides readers through the historical moments that led to the development of statistics on science and technology and also examines the socio-political dynamics behind social measurement. This enlightening account will be of interest to students and academics investigating science measurement as well as policy makers working in this burgeoning field.

Appropriate for the one semester course in the Legal Environment of Business. This text represents the single most up-to-date book available for the Legal Environment course. Using language that is straight forward, relevant applications, and current and engaging cases, this book examines how government regulations and environment impacts business decisions.

Investment Performance Measurement Over the past two decades, the importance of measuring, presenting, and evaluating investment performance results has dramatically increased. With the growth of capital market data services, the development of quantitative analytical techniques, and the widespread acceptance of Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®), this discipline has emerged as a central component of effective asset management and, thanks in part to the Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement (CIPM) program, has become a recognized area of specialization for investment professionals. That's why Investment Performance Measurement: Evaluating and Presenting Results—the second essential title in the CFA Institute Investment Perspectives series—has been created. CFA Institute has a long tradition of publishing content from industry thought leaders, and now this new collection offers unparalleled guidance to those working in the rapidly evolving field of investment management. Drawing from the Research Foundation of CFA Institute, the Financial Analysts Journal, CFA Institute Conference Proceedings Quarterly, CFA Magazine, and the CIPM curriculum, this reliable resource taps into the vast store of knowledge of some of today's most prominent thought leaders—from industry professionals to respected academics—who have focused on investment performance evaluation for a majority of their careers. Divided into five comprehensive parts, this timely volume opens with an extensive overview of performance measurement, attribution, and appraisal. Here, you'll become familiar with everything from the algebra of time-weighted and money-weighted rates of return to the objectives and techniques of performance appraisal. After this informative introduction, Investment Performance Measurement moves on to: Provide a solid understanding of the theoretical grounds for benchmarking and the trade-offs encountered during practice in Part II: Performance Measurement Describe the different aspects of attribution analysis as well as the determinants of portfolio performance in Part III: Performance Attribution Address everything from hedge fund risks and returns to fund management changes and equity style shifts in Part IV: Performance Appraisal Recount the history and explain the provisions of the GIPS standards—with attention paid to the many practical issues that arise in the course of its implementation—in Part V: Global Investment Performance Standards Filled with invaluable insights from more than fifty experienced contributors, this practical guide will enhance your understanding of investment performance measurement and put you in a better position to present and evaluate results in the most effective way possible.

Marson and Ferris' Business Law demonstrates the real applicability of the law to the business world, packed full of up-to-date and relevant examples and case law. Designed for non-lawyers, Business Law is written in a clear and easy-to-follow style which avoids excessive legal terminology and presents the need-to-know facts and cases. Would-be entrepreneurs and those looking to a career in management will find that this book provides the solid base needed to make confident business decisions in the future. Fully referenced throughout and with an accompanying Online Resource Centre, Business Law combines accurate legal detail with strong learning tools such as self-test questions, chapter summaries and key definitions, helping students successfully navigate their way through this often complex subject. Online Resources The book is accompanied by a comprehensive Online Resource Centre offering resources tailored to support students and lecturers. Student Resources DT Multiple choice questions DT Indicative answers to the end of chapter questions DT Additional material on the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, business and ethics, corporate manslaughter, and the Legal Services Act 2007 DT Flashcard cases DT Flashcard glossaries DT Legal updates Lecturer Resources DT Customizable PowerPoint slides for use in your teaching DT Test bank of multiple choice questions

An issue that has been argued before the Supreme Court and that is still the subject of a heated debate across America that is fraught with misunderstanding, medical marijuana is a major, complex topic. This practical manual offers reliable legal information for anyone interested in knowing more about medical marijuana. Written for the educated layperson, whether a patient, doctor, lawmaker, or a law enforcement official, the book starts with a history of medical marijuana in the United States. From there, the book spells out everything readers need to know on the contemporary aspects of the subject, with in-depth discussions of state and federal laws, the medical necessity defense, important cases, and specific requirements for lawfully using medical marijuana. A model statute offers guidance to readers who want to legalize the use of the drug for medicinal purposes in states without medical marijuana laws.

This book considers local autonomy, measured as a multidimensional concept, from a cross-country comparative perspective, and examines how variations can be explained and what their consequences are. It fills a gap in the literature by providing a comprehensive study of the different components of local autonomy across a large number of countries, over time. It offers a theoretically saturated concept to measure local autonomy and applies it to 39 countries, including all 28 EU member states together with Albania, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Moldova, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland Turkey and Ukraine, over a period of 25 years (1990-2014).

The Unidroit Principles of International Contracts, first published in 1994, have met with extraordinary success in the legal and business community worldwide. Prepared by a group of eminent experts from all major legal systems of the world, they provide a comprehensive set of rules for international commercial contracts. This new edition of An International Restatement of Contract Law is the first comprehensive introduction to the Unidroit Principles 2004. In addition, it provides an extensive survey and analysis of the actual use of the Unidroit Principles in practice with special emphasis on the different ways in which

they have been interpreted and applied by the courts and arbitral tribunals in the hundred or so cases reported worldwide. The book also contains the full text of the Preamble and the 180 articles of the Unidroit Principles 2004 in Chinese, English, French, German, Italian and Russian as well as the 1994 edition in Spanish.

This new hybrid book integrates both e-commerce and traditional legal environment issues, serving as a bridge between the two by covering the legal environment of business and its extensions into e-commerce. The text fulfills the need for greater understanding of the role of law, regulation, and public policy. A major focus is on how existing laws will accommodate the transition and on what issues new perspectives are needed from legislation, regulation, judicial interpretation, private contracting, industry self-regulation and public policy.

Approximately 80 per cent of the population of Latin America is concentrated in urban centres. Pressure on water resources and water management in cities therefore provide major challenges. Despite the importance of the issues, there has been little systematic coverage of the topic in book form. This work fills a gap in the literature by providing both thematic overviews and case study chapters. It reviews key aspects of why water matters in cities and presents case studies on topics such as groundwater management, green growth and water services, inequalities in water supply, the financing of water services and flood management. Detailed examples are described from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru, and there is also a chapter comparing lessons which might be learnt from US cities. Contributing authors are drawn from both within and outside the region, including from the Inter-American Development Bank, OECD and World Bank to set the issues in a global context.

This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. Visually engaging, enticing and current examples with an overall focus on business. Business Law continues to be the most engaging text for readers by featuring a visually appealing format with enticing and current examples while maintaining its focus on business. Readers will learn business law, ethics, and the legal environment in a way that will encourage them to ask questions and go beyond basic memorization.

Public procurement regulation is the body of law dealing with the way in which public bodies award contracts. Procurement by public bodies has implications for a number of areas of law. This book provides an international and comparative perspective on the foundations of procurement.

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By means of the analysis of more than 20 national jurisdictions of different legal and geographical origin this book provides a general understanding of the developments that civil and commercial mediation is currently undertaking across the world. The book combines 25 national reports with a General Report analyzing the major trends in civil and commercial mediation worldwide. A number of the key variables that make mediation so effective are studied in depth in the book. The concept of mediation, that varies from country to country. Its legal framework and the branches of public and private law in which it is used. The legal condition of the mediation agreement and its relevant conditions of form and content, the responsibilities of the parties in the event that they violate this agreement and the effects of this agreement on potential recourse to the courts or to arbitration, as well as with regard to pending cases. As well as the role played by the mediator, his or her appointment or designation, legal and ethical responsibilities, and the role of institutions in mediation. As well as the mediation process, its applicable rules and principles and its costs are analyzed on comparative basis. The book also pays special attention to the outcome of mediation. The enforceability of the settlement reached both in domestic and cross-border mediations constitutes a basic element for the success of the institution and is thoroughly studied. This volume constitutes a unique instrument for those interested on mediation, either practitioners, judges or academics.

New global markets and an increase in cross-border trade are producing a great need for up-to-date information on the law affecting international business. The second edition of this practical handbook explains how international business transactions are legally structured. It provides a clear introductory view of the subject, and includes comprehensive cross-references to more detailed sources. This edition also includes the law surrounding the WTO, the Euro and its impact on payments, and TRIPs. Including coverage of topics such as the role of states, distribution agreements, transfer of technology and international payment, this should be a one-stop source for any lawyers advising clients engaged in international trade.

"The Draft UNCITRAL Digest and Beyond" is one of the most useful single volumes available on the CISG. It includes the full text of the draft "UNCITRAL Digest" which catalogues the cases and arbitral awards to date that have interpreted and applied the CISG on an article by article basis. "The Digest and Beyond" includes also commentary by eminent CISG scholars that addresses issues not yet considered in the cases. With more than 1000 decisions applying the CISG in courts and arbitral tribunals around the world, the UNCITRAL Secretariat charged five CISG experts from a variety of regions with the task of creating a digest of CISG case law. "The Digest and Beyond" includes the draft "UNCITRAL Digest", even before it is released officially by UNCITRAL. It also goes where the authors of the Digest were not allowed to go, given the narrow mandate within which the drafters were asked to work. Its chapters build upon the work of the "UNCITRAL Digest". The Digest describes the reasoning and results of existing CISG cases; in "The Digest and Beyond", the Digest authors analyze those cases, and discuss issues that have not yet arisen in the case law. Thus, in many ways, "The Digest and Beyond" provides scholarship that can direct future cases in areas that have not yet been considered by courts and arbitrators as well as in areas in which contradictory court decisions exist.

Cyberspace Law: Commentaries and Materials provides a comprehensive and detailed study of this fast moving field of law. It has been fully updated to reflect recent changes in legislation and includes new chapters on Internet Taxation, Uninvited Material and Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games (MMORPGS).

The Economics of the Common Market Penguin Group USA An International Restatement of Contract Law: The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts 3rd Edition Martinus Nijhoff Publishers

This work offers business strategists an integrated five-phase model for setting and implementing strategy. The model provides executives with a powerful framework for assessing and tweaking current strategy, or charting a bold new strategic course.

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