

I noticed mistakes which do of course erode confidence in the remaining information, for example it advertises the Insurance Sourcebook at £38 although its published price is £35.

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3. CONSTRUCTION INSURANCE AND UK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. By Marshall Levine and Jeremy Wood [Lloyds of London Press Limited 335pp]

This book is a collaboration between a construction lawyer and an insurance lawyer both partners at Linklaters & Paines. It is intended as a practical reference book aimed at architects, quantity surveyors, project managers, clients, contractors and lawyers advising insurers. It is intended to cover in a broad way the interaction between construction and insurance.

This new work is a distillation of the joint authors' years of experience with particular reference to some of the most interesting and substantial construction projects to have been carried out in the U.K. in recent years. The authors examine the insurance implications of such major UK construction projects as the Channel Tunnel, Canary Wharf and the Docklands Light Railway. The book is well organised, lucid and easy to use.

The early chapters of the book act as an introduction to building and civil engineering contracts as well as I Chem and I Mech/IEE standard forms. The general rules and principles of insurance are set out in Chapter 2 with clarity and brevity. The chapter includes a description of the way in which insurance is placed and claims dealt with and the salient features of insurance.

A major feature of this book is an extremely and careful analysis of a number of construction projects; giving the insurance arrangements entered into and the particular points of interest identified in each scheme. The background information perhaps not strictly relevant to many of its readers gives a fascinating insight into the background to each construction project and the complexities of the policies themselves and the cover obtained.

The next Section of the book deals with the insurance provisions contained in the majority of the most commonly used building contracts including those published by the Joint Contracts Tribunal; 1980 Edition, JCT 1981 Design and Build Contract and

the 1987 Management Contract. There follows an extremely full and careful consideration of the ICE Sixth Edition, the new Engineering Contract GC/Work 1 and 2 and FIDIC as well as I Mech/IEE and I Chem (the Red and Green Books).

Undoubtedly the great strength of this book is its practical approach to insurance in the standard form contracts in general use and the clarity with which various relevant aspects of insurance law have been considered and explained. All of this is assisted by the Appendix. For the construction lawyer, the Appendix contains a glossary of some of the more common terms used. For the insurance lawyer or insurance practitioner extracts from the relevant standard forms are set out together with case notes of some of the key cases referred to in the text.

A key aspect of the book is that it is forward looking. The future is considered in relation to BUILD; Building Users Insurance Against Latent Defects and the effect of the EC and European initiatives in general. The Report by Claude Mathurin's Committee and the Construction Products Directive are mentioned.

Given the authors' thorough approach to each of the topics covered it is perhaps only a minor omission to find that so few legal developments in other common law jurisdictions are dealt with. Cases such as *Trident General Insurance -v- McNiece Bros.* in the High Court of Australia may pave the way for reform in the U.K.

There is a section devoted to resolution of disputes which compares Arbitration and Litigation and also deals with Alternative Dispute Resolution.

In short the text is readable and the style inviting. Despite the evident depth of scholarship the emphasis is always on the practical. Those searching for a clear answer to a particular problem will find it quickly. This is a book that fills a gap and will become essential reading for Practitioners and professionals in insurance and construction.

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4. PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE AND INSURANCE LAW [Lloyds of London Press Limited]. £75.

This is a superb "book".

For those readers lay and otherwise who have viewed with increasing puzzlement first the ever expanding circumstances in which the Courts would find tortious