

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.

David Gwillim

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

liability and, more recently, the gadarene rush away from Lord Wilberforce's seminal (but now discredited) judgement in *Anns v London Borough of Merton* (1978) and wish to understand it here is a serious, academically sound and clear explanation.

The professions selected for individual attention (following truly excellent introductory chapters on general principle) are necessarily limited by the authors' own personal experience, namely surveyors, those involved in the construction industry and insurance brokers. In each case the exposition is clear and precise.

My only reservation lies in the price. £75.00 seems a great deal of money for what is, in effect, only an expanded thesis. At this price it may be that only those very actively involved in this market will want to make a purchase. This is a pity given the quality of the content.

Roger Doulton.