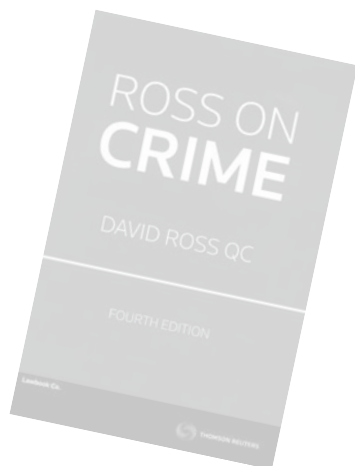


Book Reviews



Ross on Crime: Fourth Edition

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The fourth edition of *Ross on Crime* maintains the reputation this text is rapidly acquiring as the Australian *Archbold*.

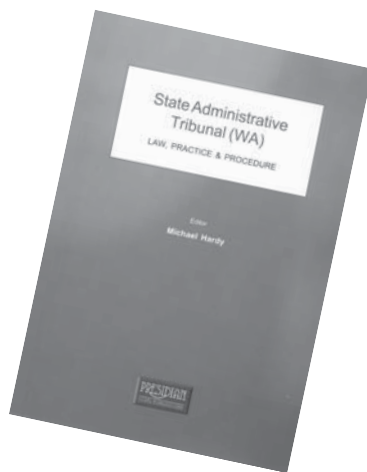
However, unlike that bulky English criminal law bible that comes in a heavy, hard-backed style, *Ross on Crime* is compact and, with its friendly soft cover, is easy to squeeze into the briefcase or robe bag and take to court.

The fourth edition, like its three predecessors, is in an easy-to-use 'A to Z' format and, where appropriate (for example 'judge'), moves from the initial stages of the trial process through to the trial proper and concludes that section with a number of sentencing principles.

There are also some curious and interesting asides. For example, when listing Supreme Court judges appointed straight from the magistracy, of the five listed, three are from Tasmania. With no District Court equivalent in the Apple Isle, it is perhaps not surprising that such appointments are made.

The fourth edition also reflects the numerous legislative and case-law changes that have occurred within Australia over the last 12 months.

Whether practitioners are looking to prepare an initial opinion, appearing before a court at first instance or searching for some overarching authorities and principles at the Appellate level, *Ross on Crime* is a reliable and thorough text that those who enter into the criminal field should have close at hand.



State Administrative Tribunal (WA): Law, Practice & Procedure

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State Administrative Tribunal (WA): Law, Practice & Procedure provides a practical guide to the law, practice and procedure of WA's State Administrative Tribunal (SAT). The text contains an overview of the SAT practice and procedure and an annotated SAT Act, Rules and Regulations. The annotated legislation draws from over 200 cases and covers case law from the SAT and WA Supreme Court, as well as relevant decisions from courts and tribunals of other jurisdictions. Commentary provides guidance on issues relevant to conducting proceedings in the SAT, including applications, conferences, mediation, evidence, costs, enforcement, appeals and the SAT's jurisdiction and powers.

The overview of the SAT, Practice and Procedure, gives the reader a concise introduction to the establishment, structure and jurisdiction of the SAT. It covers various procedural aspects of commencing and conducting proceedings in the SAT and also outlines the powers that the SAT has in relation to administrative decisions, previous SAT decisions and avenues to appeal from a SAT decision.

The annotated legislation is indexed and its content cross-referenced, to guide readers to relevant provisions and materials. This makes it easy for the reader to research commentary on a particular provision of the SAT legislation or to locate an appropriate provision and commentary through using the subject headings in the index. The way the text is organised makes the guide particularly useful from a procedural perspective.

The text was published in response to an emerging need for a text on the law, practice and procedure of the SAT and is the first of its kind to be published. With the SAT having been established in 2005, cases dealing with the scope and operation of the SAT legislation are on the rise. It provides a ready reference for lawyers, councils, vocational boards and others who regularly appear before the SAT. It will also be of use to practitioners appearing before similar tribunals, such as the AAT (Cth), ADT (NSW) and VCAT (VIC), who seek information on the law and practice of similar administrative bodies. The text is also appropriate for students of administrative law as it is the only annotated version of the SAT Act, Rules and Regulations that has been published.

The text is certainly worth purchasing for those practicing or interested in the area. Question whether there is any prospect of it being published in loose leaf form to facilitate more regular updates.