

## New Books

### The Essential Guide to Mortgage Law in New South Wales

by **Matthew Bransgrove and Marcus Young**

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With the GFC seemingly in full swing and with proceedings for possession of land reaching record levels, there has never been a better time for the launch of a text on mortgage law in New South Wales.

The authors have practised extensively in mortgage law and, in the case of one of them, almost exclusively in that area for a number of years. They are each uniquely qualified to express the comments, views and conclusions contained in this work.

The book covers the gamut of usual (and some unusual) issues that arise in mortgage practice, from drafting problems to enforcement. Those issues are covered in a format that first, helps to identify the problem quickly; and second — and just as importantly for the time-poor professional — provides an easily digestible answer by reference to any relevant statutory provision or applicable case law.

For example, an area which often causes practitioners consternation is the enforcement of unregistered mortgages. The authors deal with this area with apparent ease as they examine both the relevant case law and the practice of the court. Another area which can lead to confusion and controversy is defences to the enforcement of mortgages, including reliance on the Contracts Review Act 1980 (NSW). In addressing each of these issues, the authors have collated, examined and summarised the principal judicial pronouncements.

Busy practitioners will find this work invaluable when it comes to gaining a quick and decisive answer to practical problems. It will also act as a springboard for further extensive research.



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