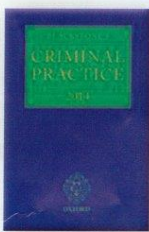


Archbold: Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice 2014

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This year's *Archbold* once again presents a clear grasp of the developing case and statute law over the previous twelve months. Included in the new edition is succinct analysis of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 which encompasses a wide range of matters going to the heart of our criminal justice system as well as the new Crime and Courts Act 2013, both pieces of legislation skilfully described throughout the new work in a number of different chapters. The 2014 Edition also marks the sad death of David Thomas QC, the sentencing editor. David Thomas's influence upon virtually every criminal barrister cannot be overstated, he rightly developed a reputation for being right at the top of his expertise. He will be missed.



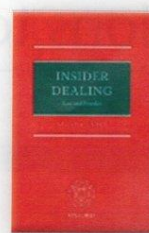
Blackstone's Criminal Practice 2014

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Blackstone's Criminal Practice deals with the implementation of the final sections of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 as well as the new case law on partial defences to murder, insanity and intoxication and the significant new law relating to mental health and the criminal law. This edition also contains analysis of the Code for Crown Prosecutors which was published in 2013. Again, helpfully, this is referenced throughout the edition and supplements coverage of the volume of guidelines issued from the DPP on a range of subjects. Interestingly, what both works acknowledge is the gradual increase of authority which has developed from outside the conventional statute and caselaw stable. The Criminal Procedure Rules and Practice Directions are also taking up increasing space in these staple texts meaning that the frequency with which the Supplements are published is a vital feature of the essential provision provided by these books. In fact, the Supplements are becoming works in their own right and in the case of *Blackstone's*, purchasers are given the option to subscribe to two additional cumulative supplements to be published in the Spring and Summer. As always, both works provide an essential tool to the practitioner and commend themselves for both their lucidity and accessibility.

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Insider Dealing: Law and Practice

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Sarah Clarke's book, *Insider Dealing: Law and Practice*, is the first practitioners' text book to address the ever expanding area of insider dealing law.

The book tracks the evolution of the law on insider dealing from its conception, by virtue of Part V of the Companies Act 1980 and provides an in-depth yet easy-to-digest analysis of the current legal position as laid out in the Criminal Justice Act 1993. The text not only offers guidance in relation to criminal proceedings but it also provides an overview of the civil market abuse regime as contained in Part VIII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 [FSMA]. In relation to civil abuse, the author places particular emphasis, in chapters 16, 17 and 18, on the types of behaviour which amount to a market abuse. These Chapters allow the reader to navigate through the tricky provisions of the FSMA and are particularly useful for: junior practitioners, seeking to offer advice on such topics; and employees of Financial Institutions, seeking to clarify their legal obligations.

Clark's well-written text offers a simple and informative introduction to insider dealing law, which is beneficial for both experts and layman alike. In ch.2, the author offers a concise overview of the "essential principles" of market trading which is ideal for those who are not *au fait* with the workings of the markets.

Whilst clearly offering relevant information for junior practitioners, this current text is also useful for more experienced practitioners. Drawing on her vast experience from working both as in-house counsel for the FSA and more recently in private practice, Sarah Clarke's discussions on recent case law and legal developments offer guidance on an area of the law which is rapidly increasing. Providing a succinct analysis of the law coupled with "real-life" practical examples, this interesting book manages to simplify what is a challenging area of the law.

In summary, *Insider Dealing: Law and Practice* is an excellent, and much welcomed, commentary on insider dealing from a person with unparalleled experience in this field. The text is as useful for those who are new to the topic as it is for those with substantial expertise. It serves as a good introduction to insider dealing law and gives a practical overview of how insider dealing operates within our legal system.

Insider Dealing: Law and Practice is a thorough, well considered practitioner's text and should find its way into the hands of any purporting to have an interest in the financial markets.

Colin Wells