

## BOOK AND JOURNAL REVIEWS

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### *e Law Practice Magazine*

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The Thomson Group published the first issue of *e Law Practice* in April this year. Its mission statement is

to be the premiere online magazine covering practical legal, strategic and tactical issues on e-commerce for the Australian and Asia Pacific region . . . and to be the first access point for people that want to know about the Internet from an Australian/Asia Pacific legal perspective.

Competing journals in this market are LexisNexis's *E-Commerce Today* and Prospect Media's (now also a division of LexisNexis) *Internet Law Bulletin*, as well as the *Digital Technology Law Journal* which is

published by the Asia Pacific Intellectual Property Law Institute.

The target audience for this magazine would include professional service organisations such as lawyers and management consultants, who represent businesses operating in an electronic environment, and information specialists such as CIOs and Knowledge Managers.

The print version of *e Law Practice* is published in a very readable business magazine format. The editorial subject focus is on papers covering business-to-business e-commerce; e-procurement; e-marketplaces; strategies for the Internet; and practical legal considerations for dealing with clients and service providers on the Internet.

*e Law Practice* articles are comprehensively indexed by AGIS.

The magazine is also available online at <http://www.elawpractice.com.au>. The web site takes an extraordinarily long time to load (average 1:17 minutes when tested on different computers at different times) and this problem with loading time may be exacerbated by the pop-up box for the Practice Management Survey which eventually interrupts the final loading of the home page. Likewise, it is very

slow to move between the various pages and to run a search on the site. The speed aspect is disappointing and it detracts from the credibility of a publication specialising in Internet and e-commerce issues. Hopefully, it is something the publishers can remedy quickly as users will otherwise be discouraged from returning to the site.

The web site offers free news on recent changes in the law; an e-commerce events calendar and a free online community zone with a user poll and a discussion forum where you can comment on published articles and email the editor. A subscriber's password is needed to access articles with analytical commentary and the journal archives.

*e Law Practice* provides good value for money. The \$120 annual subscription covers the hardcopy subscription and also includes 12 months access to the web site archives. It is good to see a publisher automatically provide free electronic access as part of the subscription when so many have moved to licensing distribution models for their electronic journals. The latter can be prohibitively expensive, particularly for larger organisations, if multiple user licences and/or archival access are required.

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***Who Moved My Cheese?: an Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life***

By **Spencer Johnson**

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Change is something that we all have to confront from time to time, and there is a plethora of information available on change management. I think we have all read some of this literature and generally found it to be quite dry and clinical in its approach. This little book is a refreshing alternative. It is easy to read, and I recommend that you set aside about an hour and read it in one sitting, because like a good novel, you probably won't want to put it down until you have finished it.

The aims of the book are to teach you how to anticipate change, adapt to change quickly, enjoy change, and be ready to change quickly again and again, should you have the need or desire to do so.

Just to whet your appetite, the story involves four characters who live in a maze and spend their days looking for cheese to nourish them and make them happy. Two of the creatures are mice and the other two have human characteristics (such as beliefs and emotions!). Life seems relatively satisfying for them all until one day they get to their cheese station and there is no cheese – hence the title. The

rest of the story shows how each dealt with the situation, and the lessons learnt along the way.

The story itself is very simple on the surface, but has a deeper meaning that becomes apparent the more you think about it. It can be applied to all aspects of your life – work, home, relationships, in fact, your total attitude to life. I can certainly say that in the time since I read this book, my way of thinking has changed for the better, and I am certain that the lessons in the story will continue to have an impact on me.

I highly recommend this book, whether or not you are currently experiencing change. The one hour you spend reading this book could change the way you approach life. I, for one, am ready to 'savour the adventure and enjoy the taste of new cheese'!

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