

## INTERNET

### *An Introduction to Legal Resources on the Internet, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition*

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The authors of this text recognise that 'no single area of the law is changing more rapidly than access to online legal resources'. Bearing this in mind, they have produced the revised third edition of this text which is a useful introductory electronic research guide.

The text is aimed at all legal researchers. While it does include some valuable information for the practised researcher (it covers its topic in exceptional detail), its true potential lies in its capacity as an information literacy tool. New law students, paralegal students, and legal practitioners who are out of touch with legal research resources available on the Internet will appreciate this text.

The opening chapters deal with the practicalities of online searching. These incorporate an introduction to Internet browsers, search methods, database searching, and Boolean operators. The authors touch briefly upon alternative sources of electronic

research (i.e. CD-ROMs) and online catalogues such as the National Library of Australia catalogue.

The latter chapters of the book are devoted to the most heavily used Australian legal Internet sources, namely AustLII, SCALEplus, government resources, and courts and tribunals. The authors discuss web site content and structure in detail, and describe multiple access points to information. Content is not restricted to only Australian online resources as the authors briefly look at BAILII and LEXIS-NEXIS.

The text is printed with every other page lined for note taking. This could prove to be very useful for keeping personal records for future reference. In summary, this text is informative and functional as it details current information about legal Internet resources in such a way that it is appropriate for those who are both familiar with conducting legal research via the Internet, and those who are not.

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