

4th Edition of *Shanahan's Australian Law of Trade Marks* Released

Originally written by Dan Shanahan, Principal of Spruson & Ferguson from 1967-1999, the fourth edition of this seminal work describes the significant changes in trade mark law in recent years. The 4th edition, co authored by current Spruson and Ferguson Principals Annette Freeman and Tracey Berger, as well as Professor Davison, builds on the success of the previous edition authored by Kate Johnston and Patricia Kennedy, past Principals of Spruson & Ferguson. The work will be offered in both online and hard copy formats

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Spruson & Ferguson welcomes the publication of *Patent Law in Australia*



Spruson & Ferguson is pleased to announce the recent publication of the text *Patent Law in Australia* written by Colin Bodkin, former Principal and now consultant to Spruson & Ferguson.

Colin joined Spruson & Ferguson in 1991 after a career in the management of research and development in industrial chemistry and biotechnology. He became a Principal of Spruson & Ferguson in 1996, practicing mainly in the area of chemical patents. Colin retired from Spruson & Ferguson at the end of 2002 and directed his activities to researching and writing *Patent Law in Australia*.

Along with many others in the patent profession in recent years, Colin noted the absence of a text that provided a detailed description of the law of patents in Australia or of the key practical aspects of obtaining, maintaining and enforcing patent rights in Australia. Colin considered that the development of Australian patent law had reached a point where it was sufficiently distinguished from the law of the United Kingdom so as to make such a text a necessity.

Patent Law in Australia focuses on the relevant statute and case law whilst also providing a valuable guide to practices in the Australian Patent Office and essential steps involved in applying for, obtaining, maintaining and enforcing patents in Australia. It is primarily directed to patent attorneys, those studying to become patent attorneys, and to legal practitioners in the patent field, however it would be a valuable resource for anyone with a need for familiarity with Australian patent law and practice.

Patent Law in Australia is published in Australia by Lawbook Co. An online version of the text, including annotations of key features of the legislation, is also available. Further information about online access or how to purchase the book can be obtained from Thomson Reuters at www.thomson.com.au.

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