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Admiralty Law Fifth Edition a Welcome Addition to Libraries

Somewhat obscured in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, in May this year a long-standing MLAANZ member, Dr Damien Cremean, published the Fifth Edition of his well-regarded text “Admiralty Jurisdiction”.

This latest edition covers the law of Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong SAR China, Malaysia, South Africa, Canada, India and the United Kingdom. The expansion of coverage in this edition to embrace the last four of these nations makes the book distinctive. As Dr Cremean remarks: “All of these great maritime jurisdictions share common heritage and the authorities in one are often applicable to one or more of the others.”

In the foreword, The Hon Mr Justice Teare, the Admiralty Judge and Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court in London, England, congratulates Dr Cremean for successfully describing the Admiralty Law of such a wide range of jurisdictions, noting that he draws attention to the large amount of legislative attention which has been given to admiralty matters across the globe in the late 20th Century.

His Honour sees the transnational nature of the book as a potential asset for practitioners seeking to identify directions where, perhaps, their own law has “taken a wrong turning”. Examples of ever-contentious issues where this may be particularly helpful include “the geographical reach of admiralty law”, definitions of the term “ship”, the concept of “ownership” and the meaning of the various statutory maritime claims capable of founding an action in admiralty (such as “damage done by a ship”).

Dr Cremean’s new edition will be a worthy addition to the libraries of MLAANZ members. The book is available from Federation Press, Sydney – ISBN 978 1 76002 238 9 (hbk).

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