

THE LAW OF TRUSTS. By J. G. RIDDALL (3rd. Edition). [London: Butterworths. 1987. xxxiii + 368 pp. Hardcover: £24, Softcover: £15.95]

THIS third edition of *Riddall* continues to provide a comprehensive and authoritative study of the law of trusts. The book has been thoroughly updated in the light of recent developments in new case law, for example, *Mason v Fairbrother*,¹ *Cowar v Scargill*,² *Re Koeppler's Will Trusts*³ and *Space Investments Ltd. v Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce*.⁴ It also examines the statutory changes in UK made by the Charities Act of 1985 and the Insolvency Act 1986.

The book is divided into 24 chapters. A number of topics have been expanded and the work now covers not only all the basic areas of trust law, for example, the creation and classification of trusts, Implied trusts, Charitable trusts, appointments and the duties of trustees etc., but it also includes two new chapters; one chapter is devoted to outlining the principles of succession on death and the other deals with choses in action. Several parts of the topics have been substantially rewritten, in particular that dealing with the notion of a trust of a chose in chapter 6.

The most attractive feature of the book is that it offers a clear and succinct account of the many basic principles helpfully fortified and punctuated with illustrative tables and diagrams. The summarizing and recapitulation of the main key principles and points as well as the

¹ [1983] 2 All ER 1078

² [1985] Ch. 270

³ [1986] Ch. 423

⁴ [1986] 1 WLR 1072

many examples given are other devices used for greater clarification and to facilitate better understanding.

The book provides a useful and complete text of the law of trusts and is an excellent recommendation for students. It will also prove helpful to practitioners who want to refresh their knowledge of trust law.

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