

LAW AND PRACTICE OF BUILDING CONTRACTS, 2nd Ed. By Donald Keating.
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This book covers every aspect of building contracts, including the rights and duties of architects, engineers and quantity surveyors. Non-lawyers concerned with various aspects of the building trade will find everything they need to know about the law on this subject presented in a clear and concise form free from much legal jargon. Lawyers may perhaps observe that the chapters dealing with the general principles of contract do not adequately reflect the more difficult problems. Nevertheless, as regards the special features of building contracts, the book is well arranged and the subject matter is adequately treated. The glossary of building terms will be particularly valuable to the practising lawyer as a help to understanding surveyor's reports.

This second edition contains no changes in form or character from the first which was warmly welcomed when it appeared in 1955. The few additions and alterations

made reflect the changes that have taken place in the law. There are also valuable discussions of some subjects (*e.g.* the effect of bye-laws) where the relevant authority is absent or slender.

Mr. Keating admirably combines a familiarity with the technicalities of the subject-matter with a clear understanding of the legal aspects. The practitioner in this field will find this book indispensable.

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