

WINFIELD ON TORT. 8th Ed. By J. A. Jolowicz and T. Ellis Lewis.
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It might be said of some standard legal textbooks that like old soldiers, they do not die, but simply fade away. WINFIELD ON TORT however, thirty years old and now in its eighth edition, although twenty-three pages shorter than the last edition shows no sign of substantial fading.

Over the years the book has changed in form as well as substance, and the present editors have re-arranged the chapters with the double object of grouping together the torts having similar subject matter, whilst presenting the material in such order that the student reader does not have to turn to later chapters in order to understand what he is currently reading. The Chapter on Deceit has been incorporated into a new chapter on Liability for Statements which includes a useful discussion of the case of *Hedley Byrne & Co. Ltd. v. Heller & Partners*¹ and later cases involving liability for negligent mis-statements. Adjacent to this chapter is the one on Defamation now brought nearer to the beginning of the book. Perhaps this will encourage law teachers to deal with this difficult topic earlier in their courses than is usual, instead of leaving it to the end where owing to pressure of time and imminence of examinations it more often than not receives only superficial study.

The chapter on Conversion has been re-arranged and the chapter on Interference with Contract or Business has been combined with that on Conspiracy and almost entirely re-written. Also the chapter on Remedies has been combined with Measure of Damages and relegated to the end of the book. The chapter on Locality of Tort has gone altogether and the student is referred to the specialist books on Conflict of Laws.

This edition like the seventh edition is available in paperback at roughly half the cost of the stiff-backed version, this being of course a boon to the student with limited funds. The only drawback being that paper backs of the size and weight of this particular book tend to fall apart with much use and especially so in a tropical climate.

The student is recommended to use the new edition in conjunction with Weir's CASEBOOK ON TORT and although he may feel somewhat alarmed by the overwhelming number of footnotes and references in the former a student armed with both these books should be able to place himself in a very good position to tackle his course and examination in the law of torts.

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1. [1964] A.C. 465.