

## Case Summaries: Insolvency and Bankruptcy, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed

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*LexisNexis Case Summaries: Insolvency and Bankruptcy (2nd edition)* is a compact (169 pages) summary of 171 key cases in insolvency and bankruptcy law relevant to all Australian jurisdictions. The cases have been selected to complement the current curriculum in personal and corporate insolvency law across Australia. The text, which was published in 2015, has cases summarised up to and including 2015.

Cases are ordered and summarised in alphabetical order, making it an easy task to locate the summary where the citation is already known. The index then directs the reader to relevant cases according to subject matter, making use of the index critical, in order to ascertain the relevance of a case to a particular issue or to locate relevant cases on a particular subject (as similar cases are not grouped together within the text). A useful feature for future editions would be to include full case citations within the contents pages to enable the reader to quickly ascertain the year and jurisdiction in which a case was determined, as those elements of a decision can often be just as relevant to the usefulness or persuasiveness of a precedent as its subject matter.

Each case is neatly summarised under distinct sub-headings of 'facts', 'issue' and 'decision,' allowing the reader to review a number of cases, from varying jurisdictions, quickly. Catch words immediately preceding each case note identify the key principles relevant to each case. This format enables the text to be used 'on the go' when a principle is required or to quickly refresh the reader's memory of the facts or findings of a particular case.

With a large volume of key cases included, this contemporary publication is a useful compilation for those studying or working in the area. It would complement more comprehensive insolvency and bankruptcy texts within a practitioner's library by providing a useful reference for further reading where a relevant case is identified and a better overview of the factual circumstances, issues, and rationale for a decision is desired. The text would also assist university students studying insolvency and bankruptcy law, as it provides succinct summaries of the key decisions in this area, many of which are likely to be referred to within course materials and used as inspiration in the preparation of assessment material. The text is an easy to read and neatly set out desktop companion.