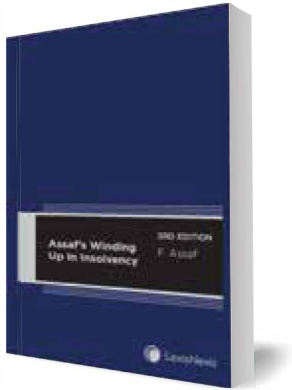


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Assaf's Winding Up in Insolvency

Farid Assaf SC, (3rd edn), LexisNexis Australia 2021, hb \$235

Failure to comply with, or successfully resist, a statutory demand creates a rebuttable presumption of insolvency of the corporate debtor to whom it is addressed. Not surprisingly, the device is used by creditors not only as a means of securing payment of debts but also as an anterior step to applying to wind up a company on the ground of insolvency. However, a comprehensive knowledge of the subject is necessary in order to avoid the pitfalls that can often arise. As with previous editions of this excellent book, this third edition (more than 1000 pages) considers in detail the various aspects of the subject (with up-to-date case law) in lucid and simple prose using clear headings and sub-headings together with a comprehensive index and table of cases, rendering the text highly accessible.

The author examines the concept of insolvency (including cross-border insolvency) which underpins the court's jurisdiction to wind up a company in insolvency as well as providing a practical guide for practitioners to winding up (or resisting the winding up) of a company. The book also includes consideration of recent legislative changes to the statutory demand requirements prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as evaluating the implications of the company re-structuring amendments introduced by the *Corporations Amendment (Corporate Insolvency Reforms) Act and Regulations 2020*.

I highly recommend this book for any insolvency law practitioner.

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