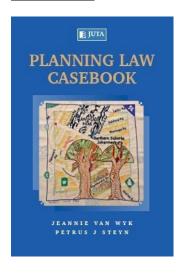
Book Review

PLANNING LAW CASEBOOK



By Jeannie van Wyk & Petrus J. Steyn (242 pages)

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"It is a bad plan that admits of no modification." - Publius Cyrus (42 BC)

Knowledge of the law has increasingly become an essential element of the process that planning professionals must apply in their practices. Planning law is also a compulsory component of most degrees in planning at South African Universities.

This welcome book seeks to enable planning students and professionals to familiarise themselves with the applicable legislation and understand how to interpret and apply case law. The carefully chosen cases included are discussed and analysed and reflect the different components of planning law.

Co-authors Prof Jeannie van Wyk B Bibl, LLB, LLM, LLD and Advocate Petrus Steyn, B Art et Sc (Planning), M Art et Sc (Planning), LLB have used their experience in teaching law to planning students to compile a handbook which will also be widely welcomed by municipal and provincial authorities, property developers, landowners and environmentalists.

In addition to the cases dealt with, extracts and references to the applicable legislation are included, notably the Development Facilitation Act of 1995, the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act of 2000, the National Environmental Management Act of 1998, the Less Formal Township Establishment Act of 1991, and the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act of 2013.

Examples of pertinent documents such as a Deed of Transfer, Zoning Certificate and Surveyor-General Diagram effectively illustrate the text.

Publishers Juta and the co-authors are to be congratulated for having made a timely and valuable contribution in this book to an ever-evolving branch of the law where further provincial legislation and municipal provisions are awaited.

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