

suggests that the development of Chapter III jurisprudence—through teasing out the implications of the separation of powers doctrine—is a promising way to secure protections of fundamental rights. (This also implies that there is a place for judicial activism).

My observations in practice are that executive power creep has prevailed over human rights and civil liberties in this country, such that miscarriages of justice become commonplace—particularly in the area of mandatory immigration detention and mandatory sentencing. If judicial activism can save the day, it

is very welcome! But first, one must understand how Chapter III of the Constitution gives scope for creative arguments about the place of human rights in this country, to properly invite any such judicial activism. The book is an excellent resource for giving that overview.

Book review:

Step by Step Guide to Operating a Successful Conveyancing / Legal Practice

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Garth Brown's latest book *Step by Step Guide to Operating a Successful Conveyancing / Legal Practice* proves a handy tool for practitioners who want to fly solo for the first time.

The book is quite literally a step-by-step guide on almost every factor a practitioner should consider when opening up their own practice. Brown offers advice on numerous areas such as setting up a virtual office, embracing available technologies, social media presence and online marketing. There are also some useful tips on communicating with

clients, especially in relation to costs, vendor/purchaser conveyancing, and risk management. Brown also recommends some of his trusted service providers in areas such as creative media, online marketing and record keeping, which can take new business owners months to find.

The design of the book was however a little outdated, in terms of the size of the hard copy. The typography also makes it hard to read at times. The content is largely conveyancing-specific however contains tips and lifestyle reminders that may

be overlooked or forgotten by professionals involved in busy day-to-day practices.

Overall the book is easy to read, organised and useful. A helpful tool that serves almost as a check-list for opening a new practice.

To purchase a hard copy / electronic copy of *Step by Step Guide to Operating a Successful Conveyancing / Legal Practice*, please go to www.conveyancers.net.au/ebooks_stepby_step.htm