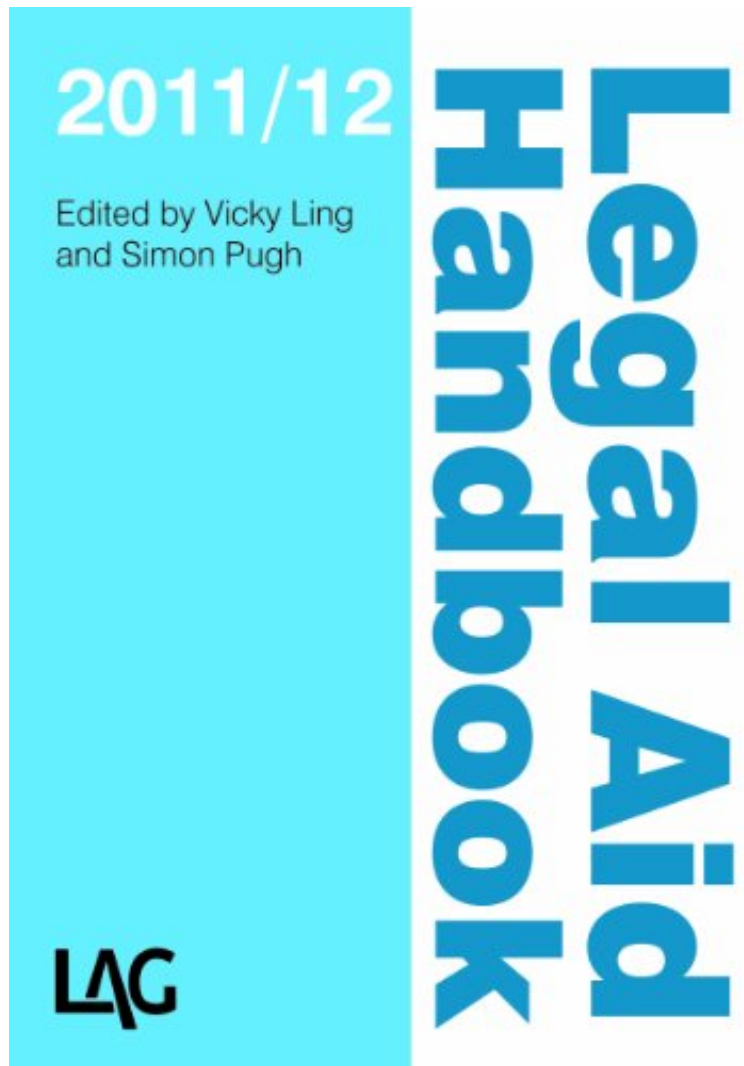


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. New for 2011-2012.... Von Phillip Taylor MBE [[VIDEOID:mo1A365F1NY82PY]] THE LATEST LEGAL AID HANDBOOK: THE ONLY SINGLE-VOLUME GUIDE TO CIVIL, FAMILY CRIMINAL LEGAL AID SCHEMES An Appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers Essential for everyone involved in legal aid cases, from caseworkers and paralegals to senior partners, this is now the definitive current guide available for the all too often complex and bureaucratic processes and procedures of the Legal Aid

scheme' and we liked the cover design as it reminded us so much of its old, much treasured predecessor! This title is now published annually by the ever thorough and reliable Legal Action Group, who have taken responsibility for this much needed handbook because it contains all relevant new material including the changes to the family legal aid scheme in effect from May 2011. It's assumed, quite rightly we believe, that Counsel especially will find it helpful to have the complete advocacy schemes set out in one place in this single volume and that partners, directors, managers and administrators will benefit greatly from Part C: 'Managing Legal Aid Work.' Certainly, practising barristers and solicitors and their clerks, practice managers and so forth will find the two chapters on getting paid for civil, family and criminal work of abiding and keen interest: the process being and remaining so unnecessarily complicated in our view. Bearing all this in mind, LAG reminds us in the Preface that legal aid is fundamental to the operation of a democratic society and it quotes Lord Bingham's utterance in 1998 that 'equality before the law is a pretence if some citizens can protect their rights and others cannot; that the rule of law to be meaningful must ensure that justice is available to all, irrespective of means.' (Take that, all you super-injunctioneers out there!) The comments by Vicky Ling and Simon Pugh added here are that 'legal aid lawyers do not have an easy life.' How true and therefore how pressing the need to acquire this latest Legal Aid Handbook for this year now it's an annual! The contents include, of course, legal aid advice and litigation, as well as the conduct of a civil case, a criminal case and others, including a family private law case, and a variety of other types of case, notably mental health and immigration. There are chapters on the legal aid framework itself, together with issues relating to quality standards, contracts and a wealth of additional subject matter. In line with the Handbook's practical, well-organized plain English approach, there are case studies, checklists and practical hints with extensive cross-referencing and signposting of the latest developments. Usefully, there's information on payment schemes, case law, regulations 'and other items currently buried in the Legal Services Commission website'. And to keep you bang up to date on all important changes, the Handbook is supplemented by a blog available via google. Research tools abound, including tables of cases, statutes and statutory instruments, a list of abbreviations and a glossary. For legal aid practitioners as well as accountants, cost officers, citizens' advice bureaux and more, this Handbook is the only single-volume current guide and is an essential acquisition for all legal professionals and their law libraries.

**Kurzbeschreibung** With every attempt to reform it, the legal aid scheme becomes more complex and bureaucratic. Lawyers and advisers attempt to get on with helping the public, while struggling to keep up to date with administrative changes and shifting government policy. Published annually, the new LAG legal aid handbook 2011/12 (previously Making legal aid work) is the only comprehensive single-volume guide to the civil, family and criminal legal aid schemes. **Pressestimmen** '...admirably clear on some very tricky points. There should be at least one copy in every office where legal aid work is carried out'. Carol Storer, director, Legal Aid Practitioners Group. '...an essential reference book for all from the senior lawyer to the new paralegal. If only the commission would employ Ling and Pugh to rewrite the LSC Manual, then all our professional lives would be easier'. David Emmerson, partner, Edwards Duthie Solicitors. **Kurzbeschreibung** With every attempt to reform it, the legal aid scheme becomes more complex and bureaucratic. Lawyers and advisers attempt to get on with helping the public, while struggling to keep up to date with administrative changes and shifting government policy. Published annually, the new LAG legal aid handbook 2011/12 (previously Making legal aid work) is the only comprehensive single-volume guide to the civil, family and criminal legal aid schemes.