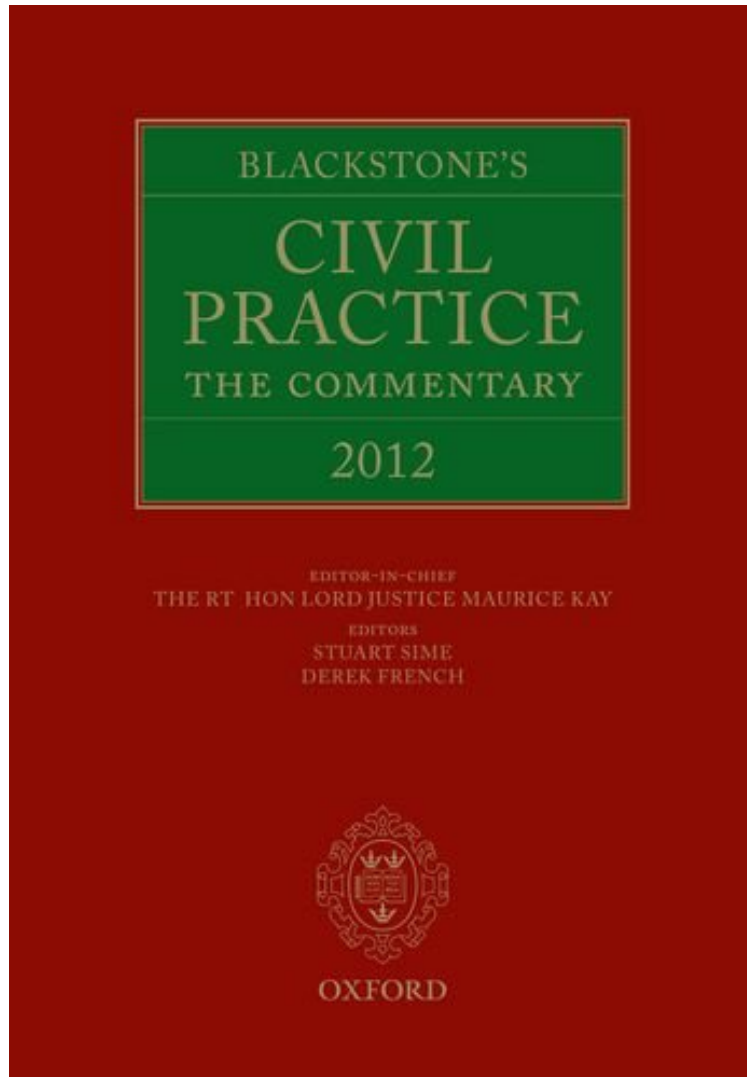


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CIVIL PRACTICE NOW HAS AN ACCOMPANYING COMMENTARY BRAND NEW FOR 2012 An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers Once again, the now venerable Blackstones Civil Practice has been released by the OUP in its latest edition for 2012 and it seems to have hit all the legal bookshops to the sound of thunderous applause, which is not surprising. Introducing it at its launch, the editor-in-chief, Maurice Kay, has identified its unique qualities: first its clarity and readability and secondly and equally important -- the accompanying Commentary as a separate book, a companion volume of some 1800 pages which functions as a step by step and detailed guide for the practitioner to all relevant aspects of civil practice and procedure. An innovation for 2012, the Commentary is what makes Blackstones all the more unique and time saving, especially for those under pressure preparing a case for court going, as it does, directly to the advocates argument points which we need! Speaking of venerability, this Civil Practice cannot compete with -- nor does it set out to compete -- with the other major works on civil practice (of white and green hue, respectively) in terms of antiquity. Blackstones, you might say, is a relative newcomer and much the better for that. The first edition was published in 2000 in response to a pressing need for a detailed understanding of -- and guidance through -- the then new and complex legal landscape created by the enactment of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (CPR). In the words of the editors, Blackstones is a complete treatise on all aspects of the law and practice relating to the progress of a civil claim, from funding the litigation to enforcing the judgment. The very modernity and approachability of Blackstones offers considerable advantage, in our view, for the practitioner. One of the chief benefits, alluded to in the Preface, is that the text is accessible equally to experienced and less experienced practitioners. Those less experienced will find topics relatively easy to assimilate, while those who are older and possibly -- but not necessarily the wiser, will be able to research their particular subject, or problem in greater detail and depth. There's much new material in the 2012 edition, which covers a wide range of developments and significant cases that have emerged since the previous edition, including to cite just a very few examples rules implementing provisions of the EU Mediation Directive fixed costs in certain HM Revenue and Customs cases a new Road Traffic Accident Protocol and injunctions against gang-related violence. Research sources are extensive and prodigious and that's an understatement. The detailed index extends to almost 95 pages and there are extensive Tables of Cases and Tables of Statutes, together with Rules, Practice Directions, Protocols, Other Secondary Legislation and Court Guides. The four appendices include, of course, the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 and Practice Directions and much more besides. Combining erudition, clarity and authority, Blackstones Civil Practice 2012 is a boon to busy barristers, solicitors and judges. The law is stated as at 2 April 2011 and includes changes to the Civil Procedure Rules and practice directions and also to the Insolvency Rules which took effect on 6 April 2011. It remains to us the most readable of all the practice books around.

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