

PREFACE

For any lawyer to obtain a favourable judgment for his client, it is imperative for him to cite precedents. Precedents always add a fillip to the case of the litigant whose advocate cites it in the correct perspective before the Hon'ble Courts. For the purpose of precedents and case laws, an advocate had to scour tones and tones of books before he zeroes in on a particular case law. It is quite frustrating to not find a particular case law without wasting precious time.

Realising the prime need of the legal profession, I have painstakingly prepared this book which will act as a handy man for legal research. This book concerns itself with the Reported Case Laws of all the High Courts and its Benches in India from the year 1949 to 2008. I have analysed and compared all the cases that have been over-ruled, distinguished, followed, modified, referred, etc which forms the basic fabric of this book. This book has used certain abbreviations and legends to convey obvious meanings of those legends to explain lucidly the contents. This book will be very helpful to junior lawyers who have entered the profession and will enable them to extend their horizons and make them up-to-date with the appropriate case laws. This book is meant to be a palm-top and the method used therein enables it to be such.

Records of all the cases from the year 1949 to 2009 have been maintained in this book. I have been associated with the judiciary and understand the need of an

intern, Junior Advocate, Senior Advocate and the Hon'ble Courts. I am happy to place before the audience my labour of love.

METHODOLOGY INVOLVED:

High Court Citator is not in an ordinary readable form. What it does is, it makes use of abbreviated forms signifying definite meanings. Take for example the case, *Union Bank of India v Dalpat Gauri Shankar Upadhyay* which was first reported in AIR 1992 Bom 482. This case was followed (foll) in 1996 HP 1 and was not followed (not foll) in 01 JK 56 and was overruled (over) by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 01 SC 3095. Similarly in other cases "Rel." would mean relied on; "expl" would mean explained. Thus upon first reading, the reader would be able to grasp as to what is the present status of the case he is researching. What makes this book a treasure trove is this characteristic of not missing out a single case by virtue of it being over-ruled, not followed or distinguished but looks at the same in totality.

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