

# **THE TEACHING OF CONSTRUCTION LAW AND THE PRACTICE OF CONSTRUCTION LAW: NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET?**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The overwhelming majority of major law firms in the United States and Australia promote construction law as one of their areas of expertise. However, the overwhelming majority of law schools in these two jurisdictions do not offer construction law as a subject in their JD or LLB programs. This article briefly analyses what exactly is encompassed by the term 'construction law', before examining the extent to which it forms part of law school offerings in the United States and Australia. This is followed by a critical analysis of the purpose of teaching construction law and, in particular, the knowledge and skills that students should have at the end of their study of construction law. The article concludes with a suggested model construction law syllabus for law students, designed to produce graduates who have the foundation on which to build an expertise in construction law.