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'This is the first book to deal exclusively with such variations in construction contracts and it came too late for the people of Edinburgh. But it does contain, perhaps, a message for those constructing new countries 'Don't expect everything to go to plan'. - **Edward Fennell for *The Times Newspaper***

'*Construction Contracts Variations* is a useful guide on a common yet specialised topic. It should therefore be pulled off the shelf and studied closely, whenever "variations" are leading to "vexation".' - **Julian Bailey for *Society of Construction Law Newsletter***

'I want every adjudicator and wannabe adjudicator to sit an examination and cross-examination on all that is said in this brand new book. It is "*Construction Contract Variations*" by two top-notch construction lawyers, Michael Sergeant and Max Wieliczko' - **Tony Bingham**

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'This book will be an invaluable tool to those operating in the construction industry and no doubt a text that will in time become a practitioner's manual for understanding a hitherto under-explored area.' - **Hannah Wennell, Associate, Pinsent Masons for Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors**

The book is a thorough treatise on the subject of variations and is a must buy for anyone who wants to develop their knowledge of construction law. It is a book not only for lawyers but is suitable for students studying construction law, engineers, architects, project managers, adjudicators, arbitrators and judges. It is simply an excellent book. - **Andrew Tweeddale, Corbett & Co International Construction Lawyers Ltd, London for Construction Law International (December 2014)**

To construction project dispute decision-makers, this book serves as a comprehensive guide which is instructive on an exceptionally wide range of issues arising in relation to construction contract variations. To construction law practitioners, it serves as a complete directory when advising on both the avoidance and resolution of variation disputes. To construction law academics and students, the book is very well researched and easy to navigate, making it an interesting and highly informative read for professors through to undergraduates. - **Professor Doug S Jones AO for The International Construction Law Review 2015**

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