Civil Procedure in Cyprus

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Filling the gap in the civil proceedings' legal literature, Emilianides' *Civil Procedure in Cyprus* has accomplished to encompass -through a comprehensive, detailed, and extensive analysis- the fundamental principles that any legal practitioner must be equipped with to gain an insightful and thorough understanding of the intricacies and complexities revolving around the subject matter of Civil Procedure Rules in Cyprus.

The book serves as an invaluable resource of information and knowledge of the civil procedures for any individual, from law students to advocates and legal scholars, judges or simply persons taking an interest in gaining a deeper understanding of the procedures governing Cyprus' civil litigation and proceedings and, generally, Cyprus' legal civil system. Emilianides' unique and distinctive approach ensures that any reader will obtain a clear understanding of civil procedure in Cyprus, while comprehending the underlined issues and intricacies that may arise through the application of said civil procedures in practice, at the same time not getting lost over unnecessary details.

Emilianides' geographical, historical and political meticulous juxtaposition from the very start of the book, proves of vital importance. It accomplishes to furnish the reader with the complete background based on which the civil procedure rules and regulations were introduced in the Republic of Cyprus, by aiming to provide explanations and insightful information on the reasons that our civil procedures' legislation and caselaw developed in the manner that it has.

The clarity and simplicity of the way in which it lays out the basic principles of procedural law, the initiation of the civil trial, the way in which it is promoted and how it is concluded, is quite remarkable.

I have found extremely important the analysis of the measures for the execution of a court decision as well as the development of the procedural requirements for each measure. Equally significant and, I would say, essential are the two separate chapters in relation to the admissibility of the testimony and the administration of the testimony.

The analysis of alternative ways of resolving disputes beyond Court is valuable for a better understanding of even - the newest of civil procedural rules.

The book is the first comprehensive exploration of the essential civil procedure rules that have governed Cyprus' civil legal system since 1960.

It delves, elaborates, and systematically expounds, providing a broad-range of useful and necessary references to the provisions of essential caselaw of the institutions that are either not used quite often or did not significantly occupy the Cypriot Jurisprudence, successfully giving the complete picture of the civil procedure system. Therefore, the reader gains a comprehensive understanding of how not only the judicial process in civil trials works, but also the entire justice system in Cyprus, while refraining from unneeded details.

On a daily basis, lawyers and legal practitioners are used to searching for answers to any of our questions in relation to the civil procedure rules and proceedings, drawing from English and Cypriot caselaw.

With the publication of Emilianides' book, lawyers are no longer in search through an abundance of caselaw, as the author has managed to systematically analyse caselaw in a manner that provides the reader with a deeper understanding of the civil procedure rules and of civil proceedings. Through his unique codification of the civil procedure rules and institutions, with references to both Cypriot caselaw and international caselaw, *Civil Procedure in Cyprus* provides all the essential knowledge that a legal practitioner must have to tackle any legal matter, and our search for finding correct procedures becomes easier since our answers are clearly elaborated on in this book.

Thus, what elevates *Civil Procedure in Cyprus* to being a valuable piece of literature in the realm of Civil Procedure rules and civil litigations, is its unmatched importance in addressing the significant gap that existed in legal literature. The book pioneers an avenue of inquiry that had previously been unexplored. By serving as the pioneering reference on the subject, Emilianides' work establishes itself as an essential contribution to the field of legal scholarship.

Emilianides' unparalleled clarity, meticulous organisation, and commitment to practical relevance establishes this work as a cornerstone of legal literature. By presenting a comprehensive exploration of Cypriot civil procedure, this book transcends its academic significance, enriches the legal community and advances our understanding of this intricate legal system.

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