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## **Punitive damages are private law's most controversial remedy.**

This book traces the development of the jurisdiction from the foundational decisions of *Huckle v Money* and *Wilkes v Wood* in England, to leading modern cases such as *Harris v Digital Pulse Pty Ltd* in Australia, *Whiten v Pilot Insurance Co* in Canada, *Couch v AG (No 2)* in New Zealand, *PH Hydraulics and Engineering Pte Ltd v Airtrust (Hong Kong) Ltd* in Singapore and *Mathias v Accor Economy Lodging, Inc* and *State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co v Campbell* in the United States. Many of the decisions addressed are not only landmarks regarding punitive damages but are among the most important judgments delivered in private law more generally.

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