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- **Price Relationship:** The current hardback listing is only slightly above the sampled 180-day eTextbook price.
- **Reference Logic:** Because the print-digital gap is small for a major legal handbook, ownership has a stronger case than usual.
- **Price Snapshot Date:** April 15, 2026

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Sources checked

- Oxford University Press product page for *The Handbook of Fashion Law*: oup.com
- Current market pricing reviewed on April 15, 2026.