Torts: Personal Injury Litigation
Synopsis

TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION, 5th EDITION, is a comprehensive guide to the law of torts. This fifth edition extends the discussion of paralegal roles within tort litigation and examines the ethics of attorney solicitation. A comprehensive checklist, which includes definitions, defenses, relationships, paralegal roles and research references, is provided for each tort presented. This checklist provides readers with an overview of information and serves as an on-the-job refresher. Over forty pertinent case studies are included, allowing readers to examine important court opinions. Among the controversial issues discussed in these court opinions are AIDS, the Oklahoma bombing, computer torts, assistance to the homeless, billion dollar verdicts and settlements, biomedical research and the alleged tort committed by President Clinton that became part of his historic impeachment and Senate trial.

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Customer Reviews

When I was a kid, I thought of this subject as "ambulance chasing." And as I've had life experiences that have opened my eyes to more options, Tort Law has become, "Clarity and Power." In many ways, this is an excellent book. Each chapter is short and to the point, with detailed descriptions of terms, and charts that compare and clarify what you need to know. As I read many of the chapters, often I’d say, "No wonder that company reacted when I called just to fix a problem," for me, it was about a miss-understanding, and my speaking up. For that company, or those companies that I’ve called on, it, as this textbook explains, it was about preventing higher business cost; and, in some cases truly caring. As this book explains, Tort law covers more than wrongs by a business. It is also
personal interactions; employer/employee issues; and federal wrongs. Tort Law is about: peace of mind; deterring future wrongs; resolving issues and accountability. Two things that I would have liked to have seen in this book are:
1. Footnotes on the page, as opposed to at the end of the chapter; and,
2. Clean up the typos. Overall, "Essentials of Torts" is an excellent introductory resource.

I have found this book to be very useful and will continue to use it as a good reference book in the future. It is very detailed however and not the most user-friendly for the novice Legal Assistant. Written by an Attorney, it is very technical. In addition, I find the Appendix is a little vague at times.

Another class, another $150 book. What I don't like: The price is too high, the font is kind of small, and the hard back makes the book super heavy. The CD that is included has flash cards and practice tests, but not much else. I wish text book publishers would publish ebooks!

What I did like: The book is very well written. I find it easy to read and understand.

I used this book in my advanced paralegal program. It is quite simply the best book on tort litigation that I have come across and can be used by both paralegals and lawyers, because of its authoritative scope and clear presentation. The most important part a paralegal must master is the section on legal analysis using the IRAC format of issue, rule, analysis, conclusion, wherein you apply the elements of the rule to the particular fact pattern of the case. Without understanding that format it is not possible to apply tort law, since legal briefs can change throughout the case, as discovery brings forth new facts, which have to be weighed against the rule of law. You should also learn to balance your analysis against the counteranalysis that the opponents are likely to raise. This approach will also develop your reasoning, so that you look at a case from all angles that leads to solid arguments.

The book covers the central aspects of intentional torts, negligence and strict liability with a breakdown of the elements comprising each tort; major defenses and counterarguments; checklists; legal research resources; along with plenty of well thought out examples and cases expounding on relevant areas of law. Other chapters cover medical and legal malpractice, mass tort litigation, survival and wrongful death, worker’s compensation, settlement, accident investigation, along with appendixes on basic medical anatomy and other useful information that will make this book a welcome addition to any personal law library.

I also recommend "The Law of Torts" (Examples and Explanations) by Joseph Glannon; and "The Litigation Paralegal" by James W.H. McCord. If I could only have one book on torts, this would be it.
This is a great torts book. Statsky has a great ability to write law principles and concepts for this particular aspect of law. I learned many principles and read a number of the cases in this book. The CD disc was also very helpful in preparing for major exams in this course.

Emanuel outlines are the most important study aid I have found for law school. I use them for every single class. I went from a B to an A, when I started using this outline.

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This book is a necessity for a 1L student. All the CrunchTime series books are excellent. They explain and sum things up that you may not understand from reading the casebook. The casebooks are definitely not enough. You don't have to get the newest version of CrunchTime either. I bought the older versions for less than $5 and they helped immensely. You will only use them for about a week or two before finals, so I wouldn't spend too much money on newer versions. They have great flow charts and great multiple choice questions and essays with answers. VERY HELPFUL!!! If you get it in the beginning of the semester and use it throughout it might be even more beneficial, but you may not have time for extra reading at that point. GREAT BOOK!

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