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The authors have retained most of the original text with revisions to reflect new developments, while adding edited reports of many new cases. The new cases emphasize recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court, but also include an eclectic group of decisions by state appellate courts. Instructors who wish to introduce students to the case method of legal analysis will find they have ample resources to do so; instructors who wish to emphasize textual description of the key features of the Anglo-American legal system will find all the necessary materials still at hand, and may pretermite the illustrative cases as they see fit.

This collection of outstanding essays in the history of early American law is designed to meet the demand for a basic introduction to the literature of colonial and early United States law. Eighteen essays from historical and legal journals by outstanding authorities explore the major themes in American legal history from colonial beginnings to the early nineteenth century. Originally published in 1969. A UNC Press Enduring Edition -- UNC Press Enduring Editions use the latest in digital technology to make available again books from our distinguished backlist that were previously out of print. These editions are published unaltered from the original, and are presented in affordable paperback formats, bringing readers both historical and cultural value.

Balancing practice and theory, Introduction to Law for Paralegals: A Critical Thinking Approach offers a well-rounded introduction to law and the American legal system. Currier, Eimermann, and Campbell's thoughtfully revised seventh edition offers comprehensive coverage combined with interesting topics, timely cases, and effective pedagogy.

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Through hypotheticals, examples, and well-designed questions, the authors engage students in the process of critical thinking and analysis. New to the Seventh Edition: Updated with changes in the law, new NetNotes and Web Exercises, and additional Discussion Questions and Legal Reasoning Exercises New case excerpts on trademark issues and the constitutionality of the disparagement clause (Ch. 13); same-sex marriage, paternity, and custody disputes (Ch. 15); inducement to commit suicide (Ch. 16); and cell phone privacy (Ch. 17) Revised chapter on Ethics, including revisions to the ABA Rules of Professional Conduct, a discussion and comparison of rules of conduct and ethical rules, the addition of notary public law, and a new ethics alert regarding client confidentiality Discussion of defamation in the era of digital media and the Communication Decency Act of 1996, contemporary torts in the digital age, and reference to the “MeToo” movement in Chapter 11 on Torts New co-author, Marisa Campbell, brings her extensive experience in the paralegal field to the book Professors and students will benefit from: Clear and effective organization—the text is divided into three parts, reflecting the topics addressed in an introductory course: Part I, Paralegals and the American Legal System; Part II, Finding and Analyzing the Law; and Part III, Legal Ethics and Substantive Law A critical thinking approach that introduces students to the study of law, encouraging them to interact with the materials through discussion questions and legal reasoning exercises Text that is readable without talking down to students—the structure of chapters ensures that students understand and learn the material Comprehensive coverage of key legal concepts Effective and thoughtful pedagogy throughout, with chapter objectives, ethics alerts, marginal definitions, internet references, and review questions Helpful appendices, including Fundamentals of Good Writing and Basics of

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"In this fifth edition of his bestselling classic, Jay Feinman provides an authoritative and up-to-date overview of the American legal system. The book covers all the main subjects taught in the first year of law school, and discusses every facet of the American legal tradition, including constitutional law, the litigation process, and criminal, property, and contracts law. Above all, Feinman reveals to readers of all kinds that despite its complexities and quirks, the law can be understood by everyone"--

With the aim of decreasing students' anxiety and increasing their chances of achieving academic success, *What Every Law Student Really Needs to Know: An Introduction to the Study of Law, Third Edition* prepares students to get through their first year of law school. It also serves as a valuable reference over an entire law school career, contributing to students' continuing academic success. With a friendly and informal writing style, this guide to law school features insights into how and why law school classes work the way they do, and the tools and techniques to better understand the substance of the first-year courses. It helps students enter law school with an understanding of legal concepts, the American legal system, and court structures, allowing the students not only to succeed, but to thrive in the classroom. New to the Third Edition: Improved graphics Up-to-date information Expanded explanations of difficult concepts Professors and students will benefit from: An introduction to analytic tools and methods of reasoning. Exercises that allow students to independently test their understanding of the material in each section. Visual aids that help students grasp and remember the material. A self-study resource that students may use as they need throughout their entire law school career. Grounding in discrete non-legal topics that are important to the contemporary study of law. A look ahead at

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the goals of a legal education and the life, duties, and responsibilities of being a lawyer.

Offers an introduction to constitutional law, litigation, tort law, contract law, property law, and criminal law, and includes case studies.

Written from a legal and institutional perspective, this text provides students with an overview of the American legal system. Broad coverage, flexible organization, and inclusion of up-to-date, teachable cases make

Introduction to Law suitable for a variety of departments (business, political science, government and criminal justice departments, and paralegal and pre-law) and courses (Survey of Law, Introduction to Law and the Legal System, Law and Society, Legal Studies for Paralegals, and Legal Process). Expanded ethics coverage includes a chapter (devoted entirely to the topic) with icons highlighting interesting ethical dilemmas and an appendix discussing the ethical dimensions of case studies.

An account of successive legal theories in England and America against a background of the varieties of natural law in the ancient, medieval and modern worlds. The outcome in Legal Realism provides insight into contemporary issues in law and the judicial process and their relation to moral philosophy. As Levy shows, legal theory has always been inspired by forces outside the law in philosophy and politics. In England the philosophy of Utilitarianism as expounded by Bentham and Austin brought legal positivism into prominence as an alternative to natural law. In the United States the philosophy of pragmatism spearheaded by James and

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Dewey and shared by Justice Holmes gave the functional turn resulting in the movement of Legal Realism. After sketching the background of varieties of natural law in the ancient, medieval, and modern worlds, Levy presents leading figures and trends in England and the United States. The book is written so as to be intelligible to lawyers, philosophers, and students of cultural history and social science.

Roscoe Pound ranks as one of the most prominent legal scholars in the development of American jurisprudence. In *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law*, he shows how philosophy has been a powerful instrument throughout the history of law. He examines what philosophy has done for some of the chief problems of the science of law and how it is possible to look at those problems philosophically without treating them in terms of a particular time period. The function of legal philosophy, writes Pound, is to rationally formulate a general theory of law which conforms to the interests, the general security first and foremost, of society. According to Pound, philosophies of law historically have rationally adjusted legal developments to the circumstantial needs of society. Pound concerned himself primarily with the practical effects of American legal developments within the context of social interests and general security. He encouraged American jurists to abandon efforts to conform obsolete models of legal philosophy to new realities. The significance of Pound's scholarship, particularly *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law*, is the legal relativism inherent therein and its ongoing impact not merely on American jurisprudence, but on the

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imperative that American public policy be tested in the juridical crucible of relativism. Marshall DeRosa writes in his new introduction that in the light of twentieth-century judicial politics, Roscoe Pound's philosophy of law has prevailed to a significant extent. This book's relevance to appreciating the development of the American legal system in all its complexities--including liability law, contract law, and property law--is in itself notable. But, in terms of understanding the twentieth-century development of the American rule of law, *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law* is indispensable. It will make an invaluable addition to the personal libraries of legal theorists, philosophers, political scientists, and historians of American law.

"This is a comprehensive introductory text on American legal systems for undergraduate and paralegal students"--

The American legal system is the most significant in the world today, yet until recently there had not been a book that provided both the basic rules and the theoretical understanding necessary to comprehend it. Now, *Fundamentals of American Law* supplies these concepts to a number of audiences, ranging from students and scholars of law to business people and government officials; from those whose work regularly involves legal issues and who want to understand the law better than they do now, to the general reader who wants to gain a stronger appreciation of our legal system. In twenty-three chapters, the book looks at the overarching principles of American law, the seven subject areas primarily governed by the States, and the eight areas governed by

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Federal Law. Each chapter is written by an acknowledged expert in that area. All of the authors are on the faculty of the New York University School of Law, regarded as one of the elite law schools in America, and this work is offered as an element of its unique Global Law School Program. The book not only provides the reader with a solid foundation of American law, but will also serve as a basic reference book for years to come. Fundamentals of American Law is one volume anyone will want to have on hand to gain an understanding of our legal system.

Students can become familiar with legal syntax and legal vocabulary in this introduction to basic legal information and the U.S. legal system.

This package contains the following components:

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The Fourth Edition of An Introduction to the American Legal System provides both historical context and thoroughly up-to-date coverage of all aspects of American law and the legal system. Vivid examples, on-point case summaries, and hot-button issues make this text an obvious choice for paralegal, criminal justice, political science, or legal studies courses.

Key New Features Cases in Point that concisely illustrate how the law applies in the real world Questions for discussion in every chapter that point to high-interest issues for debate Discussions of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions such as the Obamacare decisions, the Defense of Marriage Act decision, and key rulings on recess appointments and First Amendment Rights Contemporary topical coverage, such as the national security legislation and whistleblowers Updated discussions of justifiable use of force, intellectual property,

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abortion rights, capital punishment, and affirmative action A well-crafted design that includes learning objectives and chapter outlines A convenient Glossary of Legal Terms and The Constitution of the United States of America in the Appendices

Firmly anchored in social science concepts, the second edition of *The American Legal System* demonstrates the relationships among private law, the business legal environment, and public law issues, as well as related subjects of interest. This fifteen-chapter book is divided into three parts. Part I places the legal system in a political perspective centering on the origins of the law, schools of jurisprudence, branches and functions of law, legitimacy of law, how the judiciary functions in the federal system of government, and judicial interpretation and decision making. Part II contrasts legal processes: civil suits for money damages, criminal processes, equity justice, administrative processes, and alternative dispute resolution. Part III centers on the legal norms or rules governing both civil and criminal conduct, property law, family law, contract law, and government regulation of business. Throughout, the text features edited court opinions--many new to this edition--illustrating lively and thought-provoking controversies that are certain to spark student interest. Among the many compelling issues addressed are the legal and constitutional controversies surrounding the Bush Administration's "War on Terror," and the socially explosive developments concerning same-sex marriage. In addition, each chapter includes at least three comparative notes showing how other legal cultures in different nation-states treat legal matters. A wealth of pedagogical features--chapter-opening objectives; key terms, names, and concepts; a glossary, discussion questions, and appendices--are included to aid student comprehension. The authors have prepared an Instructor's

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Manual and Test Bank to facilitate the book's use in the classroom.

Suitable for law students and upper-level undergraduates, this primer on legal reasoning covers rules, precedent, authority, analogical reasoning, the common law, statutory interpretation, legal realism, judicial opinions, legal facts, and burden of proof.

Whatever your background, if you seek an understanding of the legal system of the United States, this is the book for you. *American Law in a Global Context* is an elegant and erudite introduction to the American legal system from a global perspective. It covers the law and lawyering tools taught in the first year of law school, explaining the underlying concepts and techniques of the common law used in U.S. legal practice. The ideas central to the development and practice of American law, as well as constitutional law, contracts, property, criminal law, and courtroom procedure, are all presented in their historical and intellectual contexts, accessible to the novice but with insight that will inform the expert. Actual cases illuminate each major subject, engaging readers in the legal process and the arguments between real people that make American law an ever-evolving system. George P. Fletcher and Steve Sheppard's exciting approach contrasts the American legal system with other legal systems, especially those of continental Europe. This comparison illuminates the core concepts of US law, making them easily understandable to readers from other systems, and offering a unique perspective on American law as part of global network of laws. Designed to help the foreign student grasp the basic ideas of pedagogy, legal institutions, and substantive law in the US, appendices include an introduction to the common law method, instruction on how to read a case, and the interpretation of statutes. Based on the course for lawyers from across the globe studying American law at Columbia

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University, this cutting edge volume makes the basics of American legal education accessible to students and the public worldwide. A must-own reference source for LLM students, undergraduates, and students of US law in other countries.

The Second Edition of this successful text, *An Introduction to the American Legal System*, continues to offer an accessible, practical overview of the American Legal System. It introduces students to legal concepts, procedures, and principles while giving them a solid grounding in important areas of substantive law as well as in legal history. Among the features that make this text such an excellent teaching tool: organization into four parts progresses logically from the origins of the law through legislation and procedure Part I, *Foundation of the Legal System*, sets forth the fundamental concepts of the law and examines the historical development of the legal system Part II, *Substance of the Law*, provides an overview of constitutional law, criminal law, torts, property, contracts, business, and family law Part III, *The Legal Process*, surveys civil and criminal procedure Part IV, *Legislative and Administrative Developments in the Law*, covers legislation and administrative law concise "Cases in Point" illustrate the applicability of the law to real world issues capture student interest questions in every chapter stimulate thought and classroom discussion a strong pedagogy includes learning objectives, chapter outlines, and a glossary New to the Second Edition: expanded coverage of torts and property law increased focus on crimes and criminal procedure new and expanded discussion of the PATRIOT Act, including new amendments and results of recent litigation, as well as material on terrorism and immigration offenses updated cases include new, hot-button cases, such as "*Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, *Crawford v. Washington*" on the admissibility of hearsay evidence in criminal cases an

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expanded section on battered woman syndrome and battered child syndrome Appendices on how to find the law and how to brief a case

This extraordinary paperback provides a highly accessible and appealing orientation to the American legal system and presents basic concepts of civil litigation to first-year law students. *Whose Monet? An Introduction to the American Legal System* focuses on a lengthy dispute over the ownership of a painting as a vehicle for introducing students to the basic law school tasks of reading analytically, understanding legal materials, and working with the common law. The author and his colleagues have used these materials successfully in their classrooms for many years, ensuring their teachability and effectiveness: *Whose Monet?* can be used as primary course material in orientation courses or seminars, as well as collateral reading for in-semester Legal Process or Civil Procedure courses. The organization is logical and straightforward and the accessible writing style--lucid, descriptive, and conversational--is ideal for incoming students. The major events in a lawsuit are considered, and the text sheds light on how the law is applied in a civil dispute, introducing common law and statutory law and the various courts and their interrelationship (trial/appellate, state/federal). The author draws on judicial opinions, litigation papers, transcripts, and selections from commentators and various jurisprudential sources, thereby exposing the first-year student to as broad a spectrum of materials as possible. Telling the story of a real lawsuit (*DeWeerth v. Baldinger*)--from client intake

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through trial and various appeals--draws students into the legal process by means of an engaging narrative and makes for a truly enjoying teaching experience for professors The lawyer's role is examined in both its functional and moral dimensions: What do lawyers do? What does society legitimately expect lawyers to do? This book is suitable for both classroom and stand-alone assigned reading

"[A] fully updated survey of American law that incorporates fresh materials on recent Supreme Court cases, the latest developments in Internet law, and sensational criminal trials"--Flap page 1 of dust jacket.

An Introduction to the American Legal System

This text is a general introduction to American judicial process. The authors cover the major institutions, actors, and processes that comprise the U.S. legal system, viewed from a political science perspective. Grounding their presentation in empirical social science terms, the authors identify popular myths about the structure and processes of American law and courts and then contrast those myths with what really takes place. Three unique elements of this "myth versus reality" framework are incorporated into each of the topical chapters: 1) "Myth versus Reality" boxes that lay out the topics each chapter covers, using the myths about each topic contrasted with the corresponding realities. 2) "Pop Culture" boxes that provide students with popular examples from film, television, and music that tie-in to chapter topics and engage student interest. 3) "How Do We Know?" boxes that discuss the methods of social scientific inquiry and debunk common myths about the

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judiciary and legal system. Unlike other textbooks, American Judicial Process emphasizes how pop culture portrays--and often distorts--the judicial process and how social science research is brought to bear to provide an accurate picture of law and courts. In addition, a rich companion website will include PowerPoint lectures, suggested topics for papers and projects, a test bank of objective questions for use by instructors, and downloadable artwork from the book. Students will have access to annotated web links and videos, flash cards of key terms, and a glossary.

In this newly updated volume, Moliterno and Lederer take a fresh and innovative look at the subject of law and what law study and the practice of law entail by combining a traditional academic viewpoint with elements of law practice and ethics as it continues to be widely used in orientation and introductory courses. The American legal system can be hard to understand. Going to law school is both difficult and anxiety-producing. Introduction to Law is designed to help in both areas. Written by two highly-experienced legal educators at America's oldest law school, Introduction to Law provides the reader with a written equivalent of William & Mary Law School's famous introductory law school week. Often light-hearted, this useful and pragmatic book combines an innovative introduction to the American legal system with material on how to read and understand court cases and, critically, the lawyer's interaction with the client. All too often, legal texts ignore people, especially the client whose need for legal advice first engages the legal system. The text shows the

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reader how a lawyer must ascertain facts and goals from a client and then apply what the new lawyer (or law student) has learned about law and its interpretation to solve the client's problem. Revised in 2004 to be fresher, more readable, and more timely in its current events references, Introduction to Law is an ideal book for a soon-to-be law student or for anyone who wants a better understanding of how our legal system and lawyers function.

American Legal English: Using Language in Legal Contexts provides a basic introduction to the U.S. legal system for non-native speakers of English. It combines elements of law with language to enhance non-native English speakers's ability to communicate with their legal counterparts in English. Reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities are included in each chapter. While a good basic knowledge of general English is presumed, there is no assumption that the students have any knowledge of the U.S. legal system or legal terminology. Collaborative, communicative activities are used throughout the text to engage student interest and involve them in the learning process. Realia, in the form of cases and statutes, is included so that students become comfortable with legal English and its sometimes difficult syntax. The text can be used for both law students and legal practitioners, in either intensive programs or those of longer duration. Non-attorney English for Specific Purposes instructors who have some interest in the legal field will be able to use the book and rely on the expertise of their students to create an effective learning environment in a Law and Language

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course. The organization of the book is by legal content, beginning with a broad overview of the system and how it works, then moving to specific areas of law such as torts or contracts. The book culminates in a mock trial, which provides students an opportunity to employ all of the skills and knowledge they have acquired during study of the preceding chapters. .

Law has played a central role in American history. From colonial times to the present, law has not just reflected the changing society in which legal decisions have been made-it has played a powerful role in shaping that society, though not always in positive ways. Eminent legal scholar G. Edward White-author of the ongoing, multi-volume *Law in American History*-offers a compact overview that sheds light on the impact of law on a number of key social issues. Rather than offer a straight chronological history, the book instead traces important threads woven throughout our nation's past, looking at how law shaped Native American affairs, slavery, business, and home life, as well as how it has dealt with criminal and civil offenses. White shows that law has not always been used to exemplary ends. For instance, a series of decisions by the Marshall court essentially marginalized Amerindians, indigenous people of the Americas, reducing tribes to wards of the government. Likewise, law initially legitimated slavery in the United States, and legal institutions, including the Supreme Court, failed to resolve the tensions stirred up by the westward expansion of slavery, eventually sparking the Civil War. White also looks at the expansion of laws regarding property rights, which were vitally important to the colonists, many of whom left Europe hoping to become land owners; the evolution of criminal punishment from a public display (the stocks, the gallows) to a private prison system; the rise of tort law after the Civil War; and the progress in legal education,

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moving from informal apprenticeships and lax standards to modern law schools and rigorous bar exams. In this illuminating look at the pivotal role of law in American life, White offers us an excellent first step to a better appreciation of the function of law in our society. About the Series:

Oxford's Very Short Introductions series offers concise and original introductions to a wide range of subjects--from Islam to Sociology, Politics to Classics, Literary Theory to History, and Archaeology to the Bible. Not simply a textbook of definitions, each volume in this series provides trenchant and provocative--yet always balanced and complete--discussions of the central issues in a given discipline or field. Every Very Short Introduction gives a readable evolution of the subject in question, demonstrating how the subject has developed and how it has influenced society. Eventually, the series will encompass every major academic discipline, offering all students an accessible and abundant reference library.

Whatever the area of study that one deems important or appealing, whatever the topic that fascinates the general reader, the Very Short Introductions series has a handy and affordable guide that will likely prove indispensable.

Dankzij de almaar groeiende populariteit van series als CSI jarenlang de best bekeken serie wereldwijd ziet het grote publiek forensische wetenschap als een grimmige vorm van entertainment. Maar het begrip van de forensische wetenschap grotendeels vormgegeven door series als CSI klopt meestal niet. Dit 'Elementaire Deeltje' legt uit wat forensische wetenschap is en hoe het wordt toegepast in misdaadonderzoek. Het geeft een inkijkje in de werkwijze van forensische wetenschappers en laat zien hoe zij omgaan met de plaats delict, het verkrijgen en bewaren van bewijs en de analyses die zij daarop loslaten. De auteur schetst de technieken die onderzoekers gebruiken in het laboratorium, zoals het gebruik van vingerafdrukken. Ook staat hij stil bij de

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immense impact van het aanleggen van DNA-databanken en de ethische bezwaren die daarbij een rol spelen. Aan de hand van voorbeelden uit de praktijk laat hij zien welke forensische technieken nu worden toegepast en welke uitdagingen nog voor ons liggen. Een bewonderenswaardig alternatief voor het science fiction stereotype dat wordt geschetst in CSI. William Darragh, Fortean Times -Jim Fraser is hoogleraar forensische wetenschap en voorzitter van het centrum voor forensische wetenschap aan de Universiteit van Strathclyde.

This new coursebook introduces students to the relationship among the American constitutional, governmental, and legal systems. With a clear and concise presentation, this book explores historical and contemporary events, judicial opinions, and constitutional provisions that demonstrate how the three systems accommodate social progress in an ever-changing and highly diverse nation. Perfect for LLM courses or even undergraduate classes, this book aims to teach students how to understand constitutional doctrines, brief judicial opinions, and how American history affects contemporary legal issues. Features: Clear and concise presentation and logical organization of material making it an excellent introductory book to the American legal system Inclusion of modern cases on relevant topics, such as same-sex marriage, legalization of marijuana, and homicidal laws affecting juveniles Chapter questions that facilitate basic legal analysis through hypotheticals, opinion briefing, and application of constitutional provisions Inclusion of important historical and political events, such as lawsuits brought against Presidents, congressional impeachment powers, the Electoral College System, the Supreme Court's resolution of voting issues, the Civil War and post Civil War constitutional amendments, the Civil Rights movement, presidential and congressional war powers, and Supreme Court opinions

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about Guantanamo Bay detainees

"This book gives an introduction to the U.S. legal system for foreign lawyers. It covers a broad range of topics that will help foreign lawyers develop a baseline understanding of the legal system through chapters on: American legal history, the trial process, and an overview of the U.S. government"--

Never HIGHLIGHT a Book Again! Virtually all testable terms, concepts, persons, places, and events are included. Just the Facts101 study-guides gives all of the outlines, highlights, notes for your textbook with optional online practice tests. Only Just the Facts101 outlines are Textbook Specific. Just the Facts101 is NOT the Textbook.

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