

California Family Law for Paralegals

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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Factually correct but not useful for the real worldBy Linda S.I have been a family law paralegal for over 20 years and purchased this book through for use in my Family Law class towards my paralegal certification. The information contained in it is factually correct as far as how family law (usually) works in California, and some of the precedent setting cases used. But do not purchase this book thinking you will be able to file a case by using it, or that you will use it in your profession for reference, or as a manual. I have found it useless for these things. Because family law is so complex, the information felt very convoluted, even to someone with my experience. Our instructor had to spend a lot of time putting it all together for everyone so they could understand it. My classmates who were not paralegals told me they found it more difficult to follow than our criminal law books.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Straightforward Text on Family Law in CABy AitsuDaThis textbook California Family Law for Paralegals is an A-OK book.The book is essentially for students and teaches the basics of Family Law with an emphasis on dissolution and child custody.POSITIVES:The books is very comprehensive in the fact that it both explains rules and laws in the author's own words and also via verbatim text of code/statutes. Another nice thing the author does is explain the history of certain codes so that the reader gets a better idea on how the law/society has evolved over the past decades.There are example Family Law-forms found throughout the pages of the book. Believe it or not, a lot of Family Law actions merely require a ton of a paperwork to complete the action; so these example-forms are very useful for the uninitiated.NEUTRAL:Some minor points of law are

outdated. An example would be the exact requirements needed for a Summary Dissolution to be applicable. This issue is "neutral" because it's NORMAL for laws to get updated; it's up to the competent researcher to shepardize their authorities. NEGATIVES: Every once in awhile, the author will refer to a Figure (i.e. visual) so that the reader may receive a mental image of the author's words; but then the Figure will be completely absent. Thank you, copy editor! The author tends to restate the same point over and over and over and over again on certain topics in such a way that it doesn't feel like they were trying to "drive the point home (e.g. teach via repetition)," but that they were simply "restating things to make the book become longer (i.e. filler)." Not that great and not really negative, this book will teach you a good overview on the meat-and-potatoes of Family Law. But as with anything, academic experience is useless without real-world experience. If you want true understanding, hopefully you get out and do some work to complement this reading. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Outdated material with incorrect information By Cohaval was surprised at how much incorrect information was in this textbook. I bought this for a college level family law course in January 2016 and the book had many inaccuracies. After having to correct the book numerous times in just the first month, the professor chose to no longer use the material. It turned out to be a waste of money - money that students don't have an abundance of in the first place. It was very frustrating so I advise any future students who may be assigned this particular text to challenge your school first before you buy it. Ask the publisher to update the material since many of the facts are outdate and incorrect. They need to publish a more current version with the newer laws and pull this one from circulation.

California Family Law for Paralegals is the only textbook for paralegals that focuses specifically on California family law. In its fifth edition, this straightforward textbook continues to provide California paralegal students with a practical framework for examining the full range of family law issues under California law. Among the characteristics that make this text the perfect choice for teaching California family law:

- A practical, straightforward approach designed to teach the basics to paralegal students.
- A focus on the California Family Code, integrating statutory law and judicial interpretation into a cohesive general discussion of family law and its various aspects.
- Examples of all the key Judicial Council forms used in the practice of family law in California
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 - Completely updated forms
 - Advice on how technology can make family law practice more effective
 - Completely updated Instructors Manual
 - A new, streamlined organization with shorter, more teachable chapters

The only text of its kind, California Family Law for Paralegals offers comprehensive coverage in a readily accessible format of all the key topics and developments in this ever evolving area of the law.