

# First Year Study Aids

## Introduction

The following is a selection of *Restatements of the Law*, *Nutshells*, *Examples & Explanations*, *Questions & Answers*, selections from the *Mastering* series, hornbooks, and treatises that may help to clarify or explain some of the legal issues being discussed in your classes. This list is merely a starting point. Your professors, the reference librarians, or your classmates may have additional suggestions for supplementary or explanatory reading.

In addition to the material listed below, the Library also carries [Emanuel's commercial outlines](#). For examples of exams given by CUA professors in previous semesters, see the Library's [exam web page](#).

Another useful set of tools is [Computer Assisted Legal Instruction](#) (CALI) — interactive computer-based lessons. CALI is available on the web and you should have received an authorization card from your LSP professor.

**All materials listed below, unless otherwise noted, are on Reserve and located at the Circulation Desk.**

### *Restatements of the Law*

*Restatements* are attempts by the American Law Institute (ALI) to restate, synthesize, or explicate the common law. ALI is a prestigious body of scholars and practitioners, and so their interpretation of the law has persuasive authority in the U.S. legal system. However, the *Restatements* are not binding legal authority. You will see references to the *Restatements* in your casebooks.

### *Nutshells*

*Nutshells* provide a concise narrative explanation of the major doctrines in each substantive area of law, and offer a good introduction to key concepts and legal terminology and jargon.

### *Understanding Series*

The LexisNexis *Understanding* series of titles, like West's *Nutshells*, concisely explain the basic contours of a particular area of law. The *Understanding* titles tend to be more extensive than the *Nutshells*, including references to more cases.

### *Examples & Explanations Series*

*Examples & Explanations* titles are published by Aspen. This series offers hypothetical questions in the subject area, complemented by detailed explanations that allow you to test your knowledge of the topic, and compare your own analysis.

### *Question & Answers Series*

A LexisNexis series of study guides with multiple-choice and short-answer questions arranged topically for ease of use during the semester, with questions comprising a comprehensive practice exam. Detailed answers indicate which of four options is the best answer and explain why that option is better than the other three options.

### ***Mastering Series***

The Mastering Series includes key features designed to improve learning and retention including a Roadmap (introduces the chapter and provides readers with an overview of the material that will be covered), Checkpoints (at the end of each chapter reviews the key concepts), and a Master Checklist (at the end of each book reinforces what has been covered and helps readers identify any areas that need review or further study).

### **Hornbooks**

Hornbooks are explanatory texts that address the major questions in the areas of law that are taught in law school. As Law Librarian Bob Berring has said, most law school casebooks are "filled with questions and conundrums, not answers." One of the nice features of hornbooks is that they often provide answers and explanations to some of the conundrums presented by your casebooks. Hornbooks are not suitable for cover to cover reading. Use the table of contents, index, or table of cases to focus on your particular questions.

### **Legal Treatises**

We have also included some of the major, frequently multiple volume treatises that cover your first year subjects. These vary in quality and authority, but all offer an extremely detailed examination of their respective areas of law. They can be useful both for explanation and for doing research. Use the index and table of cases to find specific topics.

## **Civil Procedure**

### **Nutshells, Understanding . . . , Examples & Explanations, Questions & Answers, Mastering Series**

Dorsaneo, William V.

[\*Questions & Answers: Civil Procedure\*](#)

KF8841 .D67 2007

Glannon, Joseph W.

[\*Civil Procedure: Examples & Explanations\*](#)

KF8839 .G58 2008

Hricik, David C.

[\*Mastering Civil Procedure\*](#)

KF8841 .H75 2008

Kane, Mary Kay  
[Civil Procedure in a Nutshell, 6th ed.](#)  
KF8841 .K36 2007

Shreve, Gene R. & Peter Raven-Hansen  
[Understanding Civil Procedure, 3d ed.](#)  
KF8840 .S484 2002

## **Hornbooks**

Friedenthal, Jack H., Mary K. Kane & Arthur R. Miller  
[Civil Procedure, 4th ed.](#)  
KF8840 .F72 2005

James, Jr., Fleming, Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr. & John Leubsdorf  
[Civil Procedure, 5th ed.](#)  
KF8840 .J3 2001

Teply, Larry L. & Ralph U. Whitten  
[Civil Procedure, 2d ed.](#)  
KF8840 .T46 2000

Wright, Charles Alan & Mary K. Kane  
[Law of Federal Courts, 6th ed.](#)  
KF8840 .W7 2002

## **Contracts**

### **Restatements**

American Law Institute  
[Restatement of the Law, Second — Contracts, 2d.](#)  
KF801 .R42 1981  
**Location:** Stacks

### **Nutshells, Understanding . . . , Examples & Explanations, Questions & Answers, Mastering Series**

Blum, Brian A.  
[Contracts: Examples & Explanations](#)  
KF801 .B58 2007

Ferriell, Jeffrey & Michael Navin  
[Understanding Contracts](#)  
KF801.Z9 F46 2004

Rohwer, Claude D. & Anthony M. Skroki  
[\*Contracts in a Nutshell, 6th ed.\*](#)  
KF801 .Z9 R62 2006

Rowley, Keith A.  
[\*Questions & Answers: Contracts\*](#)  
KF801. Z9 R69 2006

Russell, Irma, et. al.  
[\*Mastering Contracts\*](#)  
*Available soon at Reserve!*

## **Hornbooks**

Perillo, Joseph M.  
[\*Calamari and Perillo on Contracts, 6th ed.\*](#)  
KF801 .C26 2009

Farnsworth, E. Allan  
[\*Contracts, 3d ed.\*](#)  
KF801 .F365 1999

## **Treatises**

Corbin, Arthur L.  
[\*Corbin on Contracts, rev. ed.\*](#)  
KF801 .C65 1993  
**Location:** Stacks

Farnsworth, E. Allan  
[\*Farnsworth on Contracts, 2d ed.\*](#)  
KF801 .F37 2004

Williston, Samuel  
[\*A Treatise on the Law of Contracts, 4th ed.\*](#)  
KF801 .W54 1990  
**Location:** Stacks

## **Criminal Law**

### **Restatements**

American Law Institute  
[\*Model Penal Code and Commentaries\*](#)  
KF9209.515 .A515 1980

The *Model Penal Code* has been used by many states as the basis for drafting their own penal codes.

## **Nutshells, Understanding . . . , Examples & Explanations, Questions & Answers, Mastering Series**

Dressler, Joshua  
[\*Understanding Criminal Law\*, 4th ed.](#)  
KF9219 .D74 2006

Levine, Emily Marcus  
[\*Questions & Answers: Criminal Law\*](#)  
KF9219.5 .L485 2007

Loewy, Arnold H.  
[\*Criminal Law in a Nutshell\*, 4th ed.](#)  
KF9219.3 .L63 2003

Podgor, Ellen S., et. al.  
[\*Mastering Criminal Law\*](#)  
KF9219.P63 2008

Singer, Richard G.  
[\*Criminal Law: Examples & Explanations\*](#)  
KF9219.3 .S54 2007

## **Hornbooks**

LaFare, Wayne R.  
[\*Criminal Law\*, 4th student ed.](#)  
KF9219 .L38 2003

Robinson, Paul H.  
[\*Criminal Law\*](#)  
KF9219 .R59 1997

## **Treatises**

LaFare, Wayne R.  
[\*Substantive Criminal Law\*, 2d ed.](#)  
KF9219 .L386 2003  
**Location:** Stacks

Torcia, Charles E.  
[\*Wharton's Criminal Law\*, 15th ed.](#)  
KF9219 .W43 1993

**Location:** Stacks

## **Legal Research, Writing & Exams**

### **Videos**

Berring, Robert C.

[\*Legal Research for the 21st Century\*](#)

KF240 .B47 2001

These videotapes, written, and presented by Professor Librarian Bob Berring, cover the most important aspects of legal research. They are concise, entertaining, and informative. (An “advanced research” set covers international law, foreign law, environmental law, and intellectual property law.)

### **Nutshells**

Bahrych, Lynn & Marjorie Dick Rombauer

[\*Legal Writing in a Nutshell, 3d ed.\*](#)

KF250 .S68 2003

**Location:** Stacks

Burkhart, Ann & Stein, Robert

[\*Law School Success in a Nutshell: A Guide to Studying Law and Taking Law School Exams\*](#)

KF283 .B87 2008

Haggard, Thomas R.

[\*Legal Drafting in a Nutshell\*](#)

KF250 .H24 2007

### **Legal Writing Texts**

Charrow, Veda R., Myra K. Erhardt & Robert P. Charrow

[\*Clear and Effective Legal Writing, 4th ed.\*](#)

KF250 .C45 2007

Garner, Bryan A.

[\*The Winning Brief: 100 Tips for Persuasive Briefing in Trial and Appellate Courts, 2d ed.\*](#)

KF251 .G37 2004

Re, Edward Domenic & Joseph R. Re.

[\*Brief Writing & Oral Argument, 9th ed.\*](#)

KF251 .R4 2005

**Location:** Stacks

Shapo, Helene S., Marilyn R. Walter & Elizabeth Fajans  
[Writing and Analysis in the Law](#)  
KF250 .S5 2008

## **Legal Research Texts**

Berring, Robert C. & Elizabeth A. Edinger  
[Finding the Law, 12th ed.](#)  
KF240 .B45 2005  
**Location:** Stacks

Berring, Robert C. & Elizabeth A. Edinger  
[Legal Research Survival Manual](#)  
KF240 .B473 2002

Elias, Stephen & Susan Levinkind  
[Legal Research: How to Find & Understand the Law, 13th ed.](#)  
KF240 .E35 2005  
**Location:** Reference

Mersky, Roy M. & Donald J. Dunn  
[Fundamentals of Legal Research, 8th ed.](#)  
KF240 .J3 2002

Sloan, Amy E.  
[Basic Legal Research: Tools and Strategies](#)  
KF240 .S66 2006

## **Exams & Law School**

Calleros, Charles R.  
[Law School Exams: Preparing and Writing to Win](#)  
KF283 .C35 2007

Darrow-Kleinhaus, Suzanne  
[Mastering the Law School Exam: A Practical Blueprint for Preparing and Taking Law School Exams](#)  
KF283 .D37 2007

Fischl, Richard Michael & Jeremy Paul  
[Getting to Maybe: How to Excel on Law School Exams](#)  
KF283 .F57 1999

Ramy, Herbert N.  
[Succeeding in Law School](#)  
KF283 .R36 2006

Stropus, Ruta K.  
[\*Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School: Strategies for Success\*](#)  
KF283 .S77 2001

## **Property**

### **Restatements**

American Law Institute  
[\*Restatement of the Law of Property\*](#)  
KF570 .R41 1936

**Location:** Stacks

The *Restatement of Property* as it was conceived in the mid-20th century. Contents: v. 1. Introduction and freehold estates; v. 2-3. Future interests; v. 4. Social restrictions imposed on the creation of property interests; v. 5. Servitudes; v. 6. Appendix.

American Law Institute  
[\*Restatement of the Law Second, Property 2d, Landlord and Tenant\*](#)  
KF570 .R42 L36 1977

**Location:** Stacks

Covers landlord and tenant law, not covered in the initial *Restatement*.

American Law Institute  
[\*Restatement of the Law Second, Property 2d: Donative Transfers\*](#)  
KF570 .R42 D66 1983

**Location:** Stacks

Covers donative transfers, not covered in the initial *Restatement*.

### **Nutshells, Understanding . . . , Examples & Explanations, Questions & Answers**

Bernhardt, Roger & Ann M. Burkhardt  
[\*Real Property in a Nutshell, 5th ed.\*](#)  
KF570.Z9 B47 2005

Burke, D. Barlow  
[\*Property: Examples & Explanations\*](#)  
KF560 .B87 2008

Hill, David S.  
[\*Landlord and Tenant Law in a Nutshell, 4th ed.\*](#)  
KF590.Z9 H45 2004

**Location:** Stacks

Nagle, John Copeland  
[\*Questions & Answers: Property\*](#)  
KF560 .N34 2004

Sprankling, John G.  
[Understanding Property Law](#)  
KF561 .S67 2007

## **Hornbooks**

Bergin, Thomas F. & Paul G. Haskell.  
[Preface to Estates in Land and Future Interests, 2d ed.](#)  
KF577 .B4 1984  
**Location:** Stacks  
Questions about the Rule Against Perpetuities? See chapter 8.

Hovenkamp, Herbert & Sheldon F. Kurtz  
[Principles of Property Law, 6th ed.](#)  
KF570 .S53 2005

Stoebuck, William B. & Dale A. Whitman  
[The Law of Property, 3d ed.](#)  
KF570 .C86 2000

## **Treatises**

Powell, Richard R.  
[The Law of Real Property](#)  
KF570 .P57  
**Location:** Stacks  
Seventeen volumes, index, and tables of cases.

Thomas, David A.  
[Thompson on Real Property, 2d Thomas ed.](#)  
KF570 .T56 1998

## **Torts**

### **Restatements**

American Law Institute  
[Restatement of the Law, Second. Torts, 2d.](#)  
KF1249 .A42 R42 1965  
**Location:** Stacks

American Law Institute  
[Restatement of the Law, Torts — Apportionment of Liability](#)  
KF1249 .A43 A66 2000

American Law Institute  
[\*Restatement of the Law, Torts — Products Liability, rev. & enl. \[3d\] ed.\*](#)  
KF1249 .A43 P76 1998

## **Nutshells, Understanding . . . , Examples & Explanations, Questions & Answers**

Bernstein, Anita & David P. Leonard  
[\*Questions & Answers: Torts\*](#)  
KF1250 .Z9 B47 2004

Diamond, John L., Lawrence C. Levine & M. Stuart Madden  
[\*Understanding Torts\*](#)  
KF1250 .D5 2008

Eggen, Jean Macchiaroli  
[\*Toxic Torts in a Nutshell, 3rd ed.\*](#)  
KF1299.H39 E37 2005  
**Location:** Stacks

Glannon, Joseph W.  
[\*The Law of Torts: Examples & Explanations\*](#)  
KF1250.Z9 G58 2005

Kionka, Edward J.  
[\*Torts in a Nutshell, 4th ed.\*](#)  
KF1250.Z9 K53 2005

Owen, David G.  
[\*Products Liability in a Nutshell, 8th ed.\*](#)  
KF1296.Z9 N6 2008  
**Location:** Stacks

## **Hornbooks**

Dobbs, Dan B.  
[\*The Law of Torts\*](#)  
KF1250 .D63 2000

Prosser, William Lloyd & W. Page Keeton  
[\*Prosser and Keeton on the Law of Torts, 5th ed.\*](#)  
KF1250 .P73 1984

The classic hornbook on tort law, though now rather outdated on some topics. You will often see Prosser on torts cited in your casebook and by judges and law review authors.

## **Treatises**

[\*American Law of Products Liability, 3d ed.\*](#)

KF1296 .A97 1987

**Location:** Stacks

Eleven volumes, index, tables. Updated w/ supplements.

Harper, Fowler V., Fleming James, Jr. & Oscar S. Gray

[\*The Law of Torts, 3d ed.\*](#)

KF1250 .H37 1996

**Location:** Stacks