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While there is significant interest in knowledge management as it applies to legal environments, there are very few books specifically focused on this topic. In Effective Knowledge Management For Law Firms, Matthew Parsons expertly fills this gap by drawing on his work with a leading commercial law firm, Mallesons Stephen Jaques. He examines how law firms can implement a knowledge strategy to support their business strategy, rather than getting beguiled by fads and technology. Parsons first outlines the terrain, including what knowledge management means, the business and economics of law firms, and how lawyers work as knowledge workers. He then introduces a methodology for creating and implementing law firm knowledge strategy, which combines for the first time the interrelated aspects of recruiting, training, research, document production, information management, and digital knowledge strategy. Parsons goes beyond theories to provide detailed, practical help for the analysis, implementation, and measurement of performance-increasing initiatives. This book will be an invaluable resource for all those involved with the management and leadership of law firms and knowledge management initiatives.

"This book deals with the dilemma faced by multinational corporations when a United States court demands discovery of ESI that is protected in other countries. In fine detail the authors cover the full spectrum of possible responses, from evaluating the comparative costs of legal sanctions in a variety of major global jurisdictions to recognizing when to avoid litigation entirely. The tone throughout is eminently practical, specifying the precise nature and degree of risk involved and offering optimal solutions to all the conflicts likely to arise. On the theoretical side, the rationales of both the US e-discovery model and data privacy laws (focusing on the European data protection directive) are clearly explained"--P. [4] of cover.

"The United States Code is the official codification of the general and permanent laws of the United States of America. The Code was first published in 1926, and a new edition of the code has been published every six years since 1934. The 2012 edition of the Code incorporates laws enacted through the One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Second Session, the last of which was signed by the President on January 15, 2013. It does not include laws of the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, First Session, enacted between January 2, 2013, the date it convened, and January 15, 2013. By statutory authority this edition may be cited "U.S.C. 2012 ed." As adopted in 1926, the Code established prima facie the general and permanent laws of the United States. The underlying statutes reprinted in the Code remained in effect and controlled over the Code in case of any discrepancy. In 1947, Congress began enacting individual titles of the Code into positive law. When a title is enacted into positive law, the underlying statutes are repealed and the title then becomes legal evidence of the law. Currently, 26 of the 51 titles in the Code have been so enacted. These are identified in the table of titles near the beginning of each volume. The Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives continues to prepare legislation pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 285b to enact the remainder of the Code, on a title-by-title basis, into positive law. The 2012 edition of the Code was prepared and published under the supervision of Ralph V. Seep, Law Revision Counsel. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the contributions by all who helped in this work, particularly the staffs of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel and the Government Printing Office"--Preface.

This combination book/workbook/reference provides a well- rounded overview of the procedures to follow in producing legal documents in six areas of law, general legal correspondence, and miscellaneous documents. Readers gain hands-on experience formatting and producing documents using any software package, word processor, electronic typewriter, or standard typewriter. The book provides a realistic approach to the procedural process required in the court system; features a wide variety of hands-on projects that focus on the documents themselves — i.e., the projects are suitable for any word processing software used with a computer, electronic typewriter, word processor, or standard typewriter; includes projects that highlight the documents from a variety of states, including specific features of California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia.

This volume of the ASA Special Series contains the written version of the presentations given at the ASA 2009 Annual Conference on "The Search for "Truth" in Arbitration: Is finding the Truth what Dispute Resolution is about?" This volume explores the role and the relevance of "truth" in dispute resolution and specifically in commercial arbitration; the different notions of truth in different legal cultures; the users' view in that respect; and the consequences of these different perspectives and approaches for the practice of international arbitration. Part one provides the "philosophical" background to the subsequent discussions of some practical issues from the perspective of the users of arbitration services as well as of the providers of these services, arbitrators and counsel. Next, two practical issues that have for a long time been a hot topic in commercial arbitration practice, cross-examination and document production, are expolored from different perspectives. Finally formalism in arbitral proceedings is discussed – is formalism good or evil? It has been concluded that formal requirements should never be handled in a way that would hinder a tribunal or a court from accomplishing the main task with which it was entrusted either by the parties or by the State: applying the substantive law to the issues before them and finding a just and fair solution to the parties' dispute. The presentations published in this volume of the ASA Special Series will contribute to the discussion of the ever intriguing question "Is Finding the "Truth" what Dispute Resolution is about?"

International arbitration faces the challenge of the exponential increase in the volume of electronically stored information. While there has been a convergence in the accepted scope of disclosure in international arbitration (chiefly reflected in the IBA Rules on Evidence) there is widespread concern about the potential burdens of disclosure of electronic documents, with regard to the litigation experience. Arbitrators are rapidly having to come to terms with these issues in an arbitration context, in order to meet the needs and expectations of the parties. A number of arbitration institutions are currently considering rule changes or protocols to address the disclosure of electronic documents. This publication analyses the procedural, practical and technical issues and addresses the appropriate approach to electronic disclosure in international arbitration, including those lessons and principles that can usefully be adapted from the litigation experience. Contributors include leading arbitrators, arbitration counsel, in-house counsel and IT experts, including leading experts in the field of electronic data management.

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Gain a solid understanding of the role of today's real estate paralegal and the intricacies of real estate law and transactions using PRACTICAL REAL ESTATE LAW, 7th edition. This comprehensive resource provides students with clear explanations to help you understand the complexities of real estate law. The book's case-based approach explains legal principles using practical applications and the most current examples. Updates throughout this edition clarify the latest rulings and industry regulations, while case summaries illustrate how legal principles operate in today's world. New case problems and assignments offer practice in reading and analyzing case material. Meaningful discussions, checklists and well-illustrated forms guide students through all

complete system requirements.

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Author Carole A. Bruno announces the paperback release of the Paralegal Litigation Handbook, 2ed. is now available through CreateSpace as a paperback. Paralegal's Litigation Handbook, originally published by West Publishing Company, was adopted by more than 250 colleges and universities, and more than 50,000 copies were sold. The wide scope of the book begins with a guide to the courts, and then leads you through the initiation of a civil action, response of the defendant, and explains in action steps interviewing techniques, motions, investigations, discovery (including medical discovery), legal research and writing; assisting in negotiations, trial preparation, and automated litigation support systems. "Carole's book [Paralegal's Litigation Handbook,] has been my 'Bible' throughout my career; I have given many copies away."Honorable Brenda J. BickingDirector of Human ResourcesSchiffrin & Barroway, LLP[e]very item you can think of about litigation is in that book, (Carole) she has definitions, form templates, ideas for making work production faster, step-by-step instructions on what to do next and where go for resources and answers, etc... It sits on my desk like a dictionary..."Great resource!"

It's Legal is a multifaceted program you can use to produce custom legal documents for personal and business use. With It's Legal you will create professional, legally-binding documents with the look and feel of a lawyer's touch at a fraction of the cost. The program offers wills, powers of attorney, leases, employment documents, letters and promissory notes, each complying with the current legislation in your state (as of June 1, 1992) ... Although It's Legal's purpose is not to replace attorneys when they are required for special situations, the program can remove some of the confusion from the document production process.-Intro. This product, which includes a booklet and diskettes, describes a step-by-step method for producing standard legal forms using Wordperfect macros. The macro packet includes a 5 1/4 inch and 3 1/2 inch diskette.

Since 2000, IOM has been producing world migration reports. The World Migration Report 2020, the tenth in the world migration report series, has been produced to contribute to increased understanding of migration throughout the world. This new edition presents key data and information on migration as well as thematic chapters on highly topical migration issues, and is structured to focus on two key contributions for readers: Part I: key information on migration and migrants (including migration-related statistics); and Part II: balanced, evidence-based analysis of complex and emerging migration issues.

Brings together the basic documents in international law relating to terrorism, extracts from judicial decisions and the relevant UK material. The text covers such areas as terrorism and hostage-taking, maritime terrorism, the control of State terrorism, and extradition. Each document is selectively reproduced and introduced with a brief comment on its history and current normative value.

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This timely guide covers all aspects of litigation involving drugs, medical devices, vaccines and other FDA-regulated prescription products.

resumes, letters, forms, legal documents, and links to online legal resources. Please see the CD-ROM appendix for details and

Written as a quick starter for legal professionals who want to automate their legal forms using HotDocs, this book offers step-by-step explanations of how HotDocs can be used with word processing to improve the document production process. Written by Bruce W. Miller, who is an international corporate tax lawyer, the intent of the book is to help lawyers and other legal professionals increase their productivity by quickly learning the fundamentals and acquiring a working knowledge of HotDocs for Windows. The book contains interactive lessons ranging from generating a document from a HotDocs template to inserting conditional text and creating custom dialogs. The book also contains a concluding section that explores HotDoc's more advanced features, such as creating multiple-choice and computation variables.

Historians of British colonial rule in India have noted both the place of military might and the imposition of new cultural categories in the making of Empire, but Bhavani Raman, in Document Raj, uncovers a lesser-known story of power: the power of bureaucracy. Drawing on extensive archival research in the files of the East India Company's administrative offices in Madras, she tells the story of a bureaucracy gone awry in a fever of documentation practices that grew ever more abstract—and the power, both economic and cultural, this created. In order to assert its legitimacy and value within the British Empire, the East India Company was diligent about record keeping. Raman shows, however, that the sheer volume of their document production allowed colonial managers to subtly but substantively manipulate records for their own ends, increasingly drawing the real and the

recorded further apart. While this administrative sleight of hand increased the company's reach and power within the Empire, it also bolstered profoundly new orientations to language, writing, memory, and pedagogy for the officers and Indian subordinates involved. Immersed in a subterranean world of delinquent scribes, translators, village accountants, and entrepreneurial fixers, Document Raj maps the shifting boundaries of the legible and illegible, the legal and illegitimate, that would usher India into the modern world.

Civil Law and Litigation for Paralegals is a comprehensive text designed specifically for paralegal civil litigation courses. Author Neal Bevans not only teaches the basics of civil litigation, but also gives students the opportunity to learn skills they will use in practice. In a balanced approach, Bevans covers all the key topics paralegals need to know in an easy-to-read and engaging style that utilizes numerous examples and illustrations but never overwhelms the student. The text provides students with an in-depth analysis of a wide variety of civil cases, beginning with laying out the basic foundation of the American legal system. It proceeds through the investigation and implementation of a civil case, and follows the case through to appeal. The text balances the theoretical underpinnings of the law with the practical examples and hands-on experience that all students need to completely understand the topic. The helpful pedagogy throughout the book and a comprehensive teaching package make class preparation as easy as possible. Features: Clear introduction to the fundamentals of civil litigation for paralegal students. Provides students with an in-depth analysis of a wide variety of civil cases, laying out the basic foundation of the American legal system, proceeding through the investigation and implementation of a civil case, and following the case through to appeal. Designed to help prepare students for the practical world of divorces, car wreck cases, and medical malpractice claims that they will see every day in civil practice. Each chapter presents students with examples of the important role that paralegals play in every stage of civil litigation, from client intake to bringing an appeal. Understandable writing style with strong pedagogy, resulting in a teachable and accessible text. Each chapter includes Practice Pointers, Search Suggestions, Tech Topics, and Legal Legwork boxes, along with case excerpts, forms, and ethics. Helpful pedagogy includes Chapter Objectives that focus learning and review, Boldfaced key terms and marginal definitions for convenient reference, Review questions at the end of each chapter, and references to web sites that facilitate legal research

Information that is crucial to your case can be stored just about anywhere in Blackberries, on home computers, in cellphones, in voicemail transcription programs, on flash drives, in native files, in metadata... Knowing what you're looking for is essential, but understanding technology and data storage systems can literally make or break your discovery efforts and your case. If you can't write targeted discovery requests, you won't get all the information you need. With Electronic Discovery: Law and Practice, Third Edition, you'll have the first single-source guide to the emerging law of electronic discovery and delivering reliable guidance on such topics as: Duty to Preserve Electronic Evidence Spoliation Document Retention Policies and Electronic Information Cost Shifting in Electronic Discovery Evidentiary Issues Inadvertent Waiver Table of State eDiscovery rules Litigation Hold Notices Application of the Work Product Doctrine to Litigation Support Systems Collection, Culling and Coding of ESI Inspection of Hard Disks in Civil Litigation Privacy Concerns Disclosure under FOIA Fully grasp the complexities of data sources and IT systems as they relate to electronic discovery, including cutting-edge software tools that facilitate discovery and litigation. Achieve a cooperative and efficient approach to conducting cost-effective ESI discovery. Employ sophisticated and effective discovery tools, including concept and contextual searching, statistical sampling, relationship mapping, and artificial intelligence that help automate the discovery process, reduce costs and enhance process and information integrity Written by Adam Cohen of Ernst & Young and David Lender of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Electronic Discovery: Law and Practice, Third Edition offers detailed analysis and guidance on the legal aspects of electronic discovery never before collected in such a comprehensive guide. You'll save time on research while benefiting from the knowledge and experience of the leading experts. Note: Online subscriptions are for threemonth periods. Previous Edition: Electronic Discovery: Law & Practice, Second Edition, ISBN 9781454815600 A completely updated and revised desk reference for paralegal professionals. Paralegals are the backbone of the legal business. The Paralegal's Handbook is a guide to the responsibilities and tasks a paralegal may be asked to undertake. In this comprehensive guide to the profession, expert authors Anita Haworth and Leslie Cox explain everything paralegals need to know to handle the job with accuracy and confidence. From ethics issues to a detailed analysis of all the tasks encountered in the various legal specialties. The Paralegal's Handbook provides invaluable advice and expertise to paralegal professionals. Haworth and Cox are experienced paralegals and provide explanations and details on the various areas of practice paralegals may choose including Family Law, Probate, Corporate Law, Intellectual Property, Real Estate, and Personal Injury Law. They cover everything from handling everyday tasks to reviewing facsimiles of legal documents. This Second Edition is fully updated and revised, with a new section on eDiscovery.

Because document production can discover written evidence that would otherwise not be available, it is often the key to winning a case. However, document production proceedings can be a costly and time-consuming exercise, and arbitral awards in particular are often challenged on grounds that relate to document production orders. The task of balancing the conflicting interests of the parties in this context is a major responsibility of arbitral tribunals. This book's analysis focuses on whether there exist legal principles on which arbitrators should establish rules of document production in both civil law and common law countries, and shows how international arbitration is affected. The author examines the relevant discretion of arbitral tribunals under US, English, Swiss, German, and Austrian law, and under nine of the most important sets of institutional rules, including the ICC Rules, the LCIA Rules, and the Swiss Rules. The presentation mines case law and legal literature for concepts based on the common expectations of the parties, the legitimate expectations of a party, the duty to balance different procedural expectations of the parties, the presumed intent of the parties, the underlying hypothetical bargain, implied terms, and the arbitrators' discretion. Among the topics and issues investigated are the following: - procedural rules on document production versus procedural flexibility; - how arbitral tribunals can modify the IBA Rules on a case-by-case basis; - discretion granted by legislation in each country covered; - electronic document production; - how to deal with privilege and confidentiality objections; - how to formulate or answer document production requests; - effective sanctions in case of non-compliance with procedural orders of the arbitral tribunal; - what grounds for annulment and non-enforcement a losing party can raise in what countries. Perhaps the greatest benefit of the book is the inclusion of model clauses, commensurate with both civil law and common law expectations. The author explicates the advantages and inconveniences of each model clause, and clarifies the influence of each clause on the efficiency of the proceedings and the enforcement risk. For practitioners, the book not only gives counsel a thorough overview of possible arguments for and against document production, but also assists arbitrators find a way through the jungle of opinions on the interpretation of the IBA Rules. Legal academics will appreciate the author's deeply informed analysis and commentary and the book's contribution to increasing the predictability of arbitral decisions on document production and showing how issues in dispute can be narrowed by tailor-made rules, thus helping to raise the efficiency and

reduce the costs of arbitral proceedings.

Discovery Problems and Their Solutions, Third Edition teaches effective discovery. Judge Grimm and Messrs. Fax and Sandler interweave practical advice with case law and keen observations. Important developments since the Second Edition are looked at. This Third Edition also continues its focus on practice under the 2006 electronic discovery amendments to the Rules. Electronic discovery is inherently different from other types of discovery, and this book insightfully takes those differences into account. Discovery Problems and Their Solutions, Third Edition is an invaluable resource for discovery techniques and for associated motion practice.

Information that is crucial to your case can be stored just about anywhere in Blackberries, on home computers, in cellphones, in voicemail transcription programs, on flash drives, in native files, in metadata... Knowing what you re looking for is essential, but understanding technology and data storage systems can literally make or break your discovery efforts and your case. If you can't write targeted discovery requests, you won't get all the information you need. With Electronic Discovery: Law and Practice, Second Edition, you'll have the first single-source guide to the emerging law of electronic discovery and delivering reliable guidance on such topics as: Duty to Preserve Electronic Evidence Spoliation Document Retention Policies and Electronic Information Cost Shifting in Electronic Discovery Evidentiary Issues Inadvertent Waiver Table of State eDiscovery rules Litigation Hold Notices Application of the Work Product Doctrine to Litigation Support Systems Collection, Culling and Coding of ESI Inspection of Hard Disks in Civil Litigation Privacy Concerns Disclosure under FOIA Fully grasp the complexities of data sources and IT systems as they relate to electronic discovery, including cutting-edge software tools that facilitate discovery and litigation. Achieve a cooperative and efficient approach to conducting cost-effective ESI discovery. Employ sophisticated and effective discovery tools, including concept and contextual searching, statistical sampling, relationship mapping, and artificial intelligence that help automate the discovery process, reduce costs and enhance process and information integrity Written by Adam Cohen of Ernst and Young and David Lender of Weil, Gotshal and Manges LLP, Electronic Discovery: Law and Practice, Second Edition, offers detailed analysis and guidance on the legal aspects of electronic discovery never before collected in such a comprehensive guide. You'll save time on research while benefiting from the knowledge and experience of the leading experts.

This volume completes the publication of Middle Babylonian texts from the Rosen Collection that date to the Kassite period, a project that was initiated by Wilfred H. van Soldt with CUSAS 30 in 2015. In this book, Elena Devecchi provides full transliterations, translations, and extended commentaries of 338 previously unpublished cuneiform tablets from Kassite Babylonia (ca. 1475–1155 BCE). Most of the texts are dated to the reigns of Nazi-Maruttaš and Kadašman-Turgu, but the collection also includes one tablet dating to the reign of Burna-Buriaš II and a few documents from the reigns of Kadašman-Enlil II, Kudur-Enlil, and Šagarakti-Šuriaš, as well as some that are not dated. The tablets published here are largely administrative records dealing with the income, storage, and redistribution of agricultural products and byproducts, animal husbandry, and textile production, while legal documents and letters comprise a smaller portion of the collection. Evidence suggests that these documents originated from an administrative center that interacted closely with the provincial capital Nippur and must have been located in its vicinity. They thus expand significantly our previous knowledge of the Nippur region under Kassite rule, hitherto almost exclusively based on sources that came from Nippur itself, and provide substantial new data for the study of central aspects of society, economy, and administration that traditionally lie at the core of research about Kassite Babylonia.

Architectural drawings, schedules, and specifications actually become legal documents, so it is imperative that architects follow standardized methods when producing them. Thomas Berg provides a comprehensive reference to the appropriate architectural symbols, graphics, lettering, and preferred materials used to promote reliability and consistency in producing contract documents. Professionals will find detailed procedures for mastering graphics and notations, drawing organization and content, schedules, production systems, and quality control methods. For draftsmen, architects, their clients, and builders, this new guide provides the advice on how to produce, read, and interpret architectural renderings and drawings.

Basics of Legal Document Preparation provides essential knowledge necessary for students to determine the appropriate legal document required in any given situation. It also provides the technical skills required for students to prepare each document. The book is divided into three sections with the first consisting of goals, forms, instruments, pleading and general American jurisprudence. The second section focuses on instruments such as contracts, real estate transactions, wills, and trusts. And the third section is comprised of legal pleadings for many specific areas of law such as bankruptcy, criminal and appellate practices, federal practice, and domestic relations.

Developing countries lose billions each year through bribery, misappropriation of funds, and other corrupt practices. Much of the proceeds of this corruption find 'safe haven' in the world's financial centers. These criminal flows are a drain on social services and economic development programs, contributing to the impoverishment of the world's poorest countries. Many developing countries have already sought to recover stolen assets. A number of successful high-profile cases with creative international cooperation has demonstrated that asset recovery is possible. However, it is highly complex, involving coordination and collaboration with domestic agencies and ministries in multiple jurisdictions, as well as the capacity to trace and secure assets and pursue various legal options—whether criminal confiscation, nonconviction based confiscation, civil actions, or other alternatives. This process can be overwhelming for even the most experienced practitioners. It is exceptionally difficult for those working in the context of failed states, widespread corruption, or limited resources. With this in mind, the Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative has developed and updated this Asset Recovery Handbook: A Guide for Practitioners to assist those grappling with the strategic, organizational, investigative, and legal challenges of recovering stolen assets. A practitioner-led project, the Handbook provides common approaches to recovering stolen assets located in foreign jurisdictions, identifies the challenges that practitioners are likely to encounter, and introduces good practices. It includes examples of tools that can be used by practitioners, such as sample intelligence reports, applications for court orders, and mutual legal assistance requests. StAR—the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative—is a partnership between the World Bank Group and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime that supports international efforts to end safe havens for corrupt funds. StAR works with developing countries and financial centers to prevent the laundering of the proceeds of corruption and to facilitate more systematic and timely return of stolen assets.

Although international arbitration is widely hailed as an efficient, confidential and flexible way of settling commercial disputes, it has its limits. The arbitral tribunal's lack of coercive power is thrown into particularly stark relief when it comes to the taking of evidence from third parties outside the arbitral proceedings. If they do not comply voluntarily with the request of the arbitral tribunal to testify as a witness or disclose documents, assistance must be sought from state courts. As the success of a case hinges on the evidence that a party can obtain, it is crucial to understand how to obtain evidence through state courts. At the heart of this work is the question of the conditions under which state courts may offer assistance in international arbitral proceedings. With a special focus on Switzerland and comparative aspects, this book provides helpful tactical insights for arbitral practitioners around the world.

The groundbreaking investigative story of how three successive presidents and their military commanders deceived the public year after year about America's longest war, foreshadowing the Taliban's recapture of Afghanistan, by Washington Post reporter and three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Craig Whitlock. Unlike the wars in Vietnam and Iraq, the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 had near-unanimous public support. At first, the goals were straightforward and clear: to defeat al-Qaeda and prevent a repeat of 9/11. Yet soon after the United States and its allies removed the Taliban from power, the mission veered off course and US officials lost

sight of their original objectives. Distracted by the war in Iraq, the US military became mired in an unwinnable guerrilla conflict in a country it did not understand. But no president wanted to admit failure, especially in a war that began as a just cause. Instead, the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations sent more and more troops to Afghanistan and repeatedly said they were making progress, even though they knew there was no realistic prospect for an outright victory. Just as the Pentagon Papers changed the public's understanding of Vietnam, The Afghanistan Papers contains startling revelation after revelation from people who played a direct role in the war, from leaders in the White House and the Pentagon to soldiers and aid workers on the front lines. In unvarnished language, they admit that the US government's strategies were a mess, that the nation-building project was a colossal failure, and that drugs and corruption gained a stranglehold over their allies in the Afghan government. All told, the account is based on interviews with more than 1,000 people who knew that the US government was presenting a distorted, and sometimes entirely fabricated, version of the facts on the ground. Documents unearthed by The Washington Post reveal that President Bush didn't know the name of his Afghanistan war commander—and didn't want to make time to meet with him. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld admitted he had "no visibility into who the bad guys are." His successor, Robert Gates, said: "We didn't know jack shit about al-Qaeda." The Afghanistan Papers is a shocking account that will supercharge a long overdue reckoning over what went wrong and forever change the way the conflict is remembered.

The price quoted for this work covers one year's worth of service. The upkeep price for the work is \$1295.00 (updated with revisions and supplements).

The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides an up-to-date resource for information on legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much more. In this volume, black-letter Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a variety of given situations, review those instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts.

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