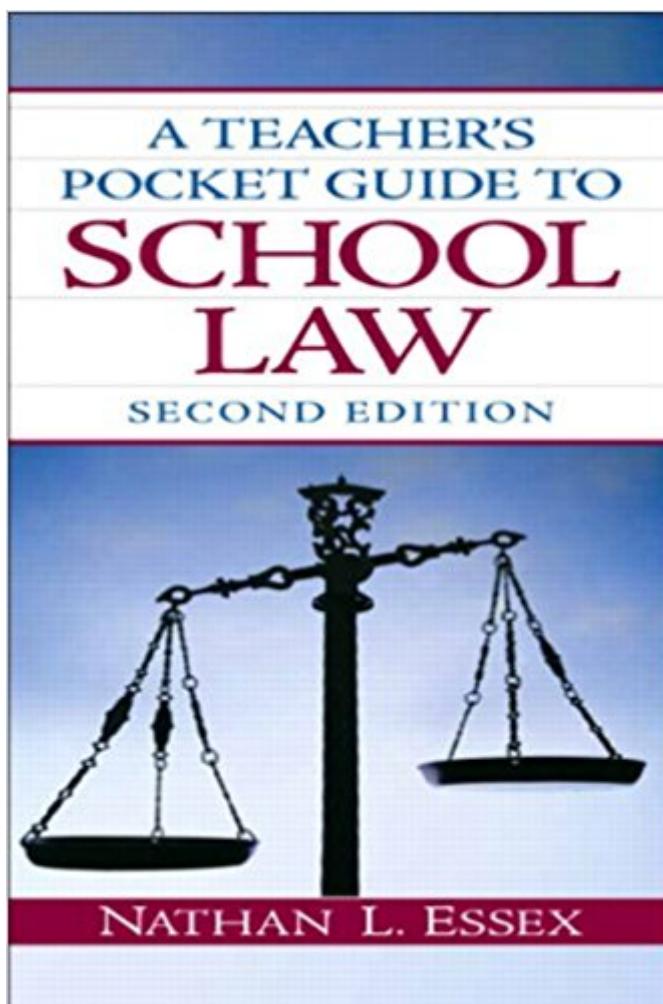


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# A Teacher's Pocket Guide To School Law (2nd Edition)



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As others have said, this is an excellent book. I picked it as a quick reference/study guide for my Education Law class. Law has always been interesting for me, but I don't get much use out of books that say things like 'X decision rendered in (year) was a landmark, upholding X principle (insert legal jargon).' A couple of my roommates in college were law students, and I understand that junk, because I helped them study sometimes, and we talked about interesting cases they were studying, etc. BUT, when I sit down to read about it, that's not what I want to know. I want to know what the court fight was about, what the court decision was, what it means, and how it affects my school and the classroom. That's exactly what Essex does in this book. Most chapters are around 10-15 pages long, cover approximately 5 essential concepts or factors, including all the major cases or a description of the key ideas, identify which law is relevant (usually state or federal, though district or school board policies often come into play), a summary of the key players, roles, principles, or components of the concept being discussed. If an actual court case is discussed, it ends with a summary of the argument, the courts' decisions, and the final result. And each 1-3 page section finishes with a brief 'Guide' which provides a list of important things to consider, when addressing the policy or issue covered (Essex is usually very conservative with his recommendations, but at least you have an idea what needs to be considered). It also includes handy things like a good index, a separate list of all the court cases discussed, appendices that include relevant sections of the Constitution, selected federal statutes, and descriptions of major organizations and how they can impact a teacher. And finally, Essex is a good writer who makes the topics interesting by

minimizing the jargon and focusing on why things are important. Several times, I've found myself reading for a while, after I looked something up, just because he makes stuff interesting.

An excellent resource for teachers and administration alike. It provides mini overviews of law school Personnel need to know. It gives lots and lots of examples. Small and compact, this is a wonderful addition to have when researching School law.

The Pocket Guide is an excellent, affordable resource for all administrators as well as teachers. It is easy to use and offers guidelines to stay out legal difficulties. The price is right and content parallels his textbook "School Law and the Public Schools".

As a citizen I also need to know the rules and law so thank you, Thank you so much to this one.

This book was required for a class. I like that it is a pocket guide, however the text is pretty small! Overall, though I guess that's what you get from a pocket guide!

This was a required text for a masters level class. It's an easy read and well organized.

This book is awesome. It gives clear explanations to real-life situations teachers will have to face during practice. The "Dos and Don'ts" section is a great conclusion at the end of each section. I wish there was a Connecticut School Law pocket guide!

On point! No nonsense writing, straight to the point concerning public school system and laws. This one is a keeper!

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