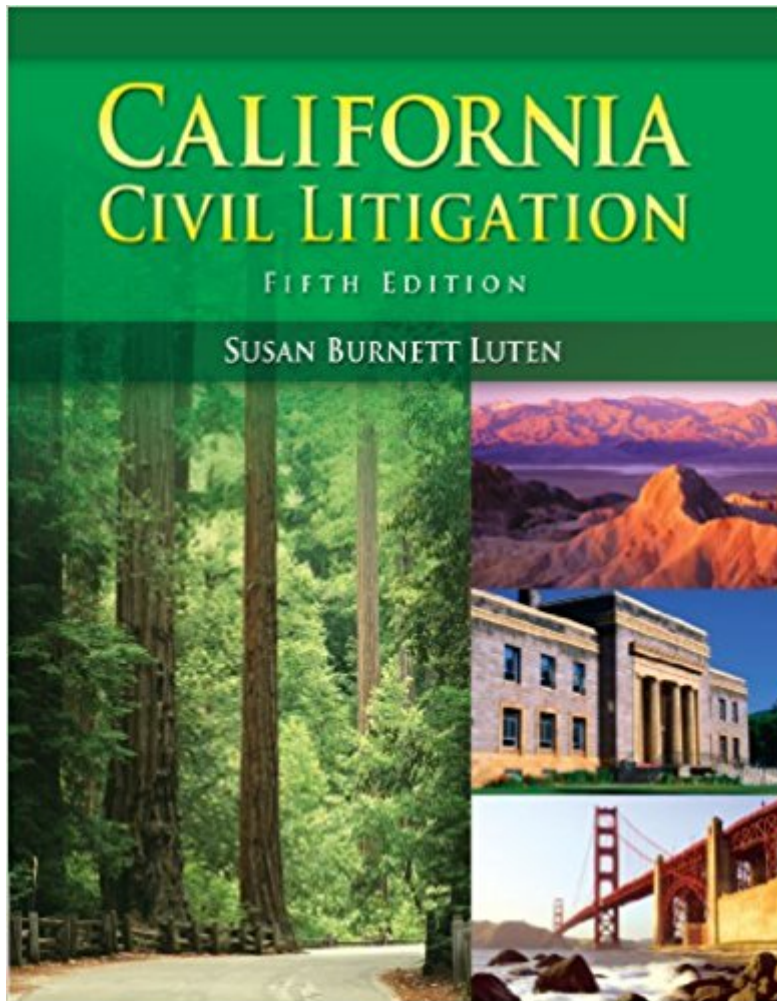




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California Civil Litigation, fifth edition, is designed to provide paralegal students and practicing paralegals with information, skills, and experience. It follows the litigation process chronologically from initial client questions and contracts, to ethical issues, through the pleading and discovery phases, to trial, post-trial and appeal. Each phase of litigation is explored through official forms and drafted documents and each chapter includes highlighted glossary words and definitions to enable the reader to learn the technical language of litigation. In addition to the usual probing discussion questions, each chapter includes online projects requiring the reader to locate and analyze relevant Internet material.

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Wish I could have kept it, but it was a rental

If you are anywhere in the management chain of command of a company (all the way to CEO) and doing business in California (the most litigious state in the most litigious country) this book will give you an excellent idea of what your attorneys should and should not be doing. Because it is written for paralegals it is easy to understand and explains/defines much of the legal jargon. Unfortunately you cannot rely on county and state agencies to protect your company so you had better arm

yourself with some knowledge!

The book is slightly used but, it's in good condition. Kinda boring to read but, it's straight to the point.

Good book, its a bit light on the law per-se, but heavy into the role a Para-legal plays in the workforce (the dwindling one that it is).

learning a lot in this book. simply written

This book is awesome, but do not get the kindle version if you need the study guide - it isn't included...FALSE ADVERTISEMENT

While watching any famous trial on HLN, have you ever yelled at your tv with impatience, as you wondered why the trial is not like "Perry Mason?" For many years, we have been entertained by the surprise attacks, trial by ambush and consistent wins in one hour - until social media and the tv cameras were allowed to be in the courtrooms. Long before the trial occurs what happens to even allow the trial to take place? "California Civil Litigation," a textbook designed to walk readers from the point in which a prospective client contacts an attorney's office through gathering material facts (facts that make a difference in the case); writing what is necessary in the right format; setting calendar dates to be heard by the judge; and, not only presenting the case but also being prepared for if there needs to be an appeal. Many people say that they were wronged and that justice should be served, but can you put your complaint in the context of the law? Other than applying your complaint/allegation to what the law says, it's important for attorneys and paralegals to be able to:

1. Write and fairly attack pleadings (documents that define the allegation and remedy);
2. Create and conduct discovery (process that focuses upon the legal issues and eliminates the trial by ambush);
3. Calendar: Every step towards your goal to win the case must be calendared according to the rules within your state (if you are doing state-level litigation);
4. Trial-setting: If you and the opposing party have not settled this case, the judge will review the issues, before setting a trial;
5. Trial: This is where all preparation and consideration come together;
6. Post-Trial: The military might call this your "after action assessment;" and
7. Appeals: Determines whether or not the law was properly applied.

This is a great book whether you are a student, a litigant with an attorney or someone representing yourself, because there are no assumptions in this book. And, while there are many excellent examples of pleadings and other documents, at the close of each chapter, it's

important to check with the court of your state and county, to use the appropriate rules. I especially like that although this book is written based upon California Civil litigation, the authors managed to compare the Federal Rules in each chapter, without taking away from each chapter's message. I live in California, and I'm working on federal civil claims.

The organization of this text is a nightmare. Scattered throughout are examples of Judicial Council forms and attorney-prepared documents that absolutely belong in an appendix. Finding what you want to read about in a chapter supposedly dedicated to that issue requires flipping through all of this extraneous crap. The prose is confusing, and often creates more questions than it answers; it's also very limited. Take out all of the examples of prepared forms and docs and the amount of instructional text wouldn't have qualified as a book about civil litigation. VERY disappointed that my program has chosen this text, despite instructors' input. They don't appreciate it either.

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