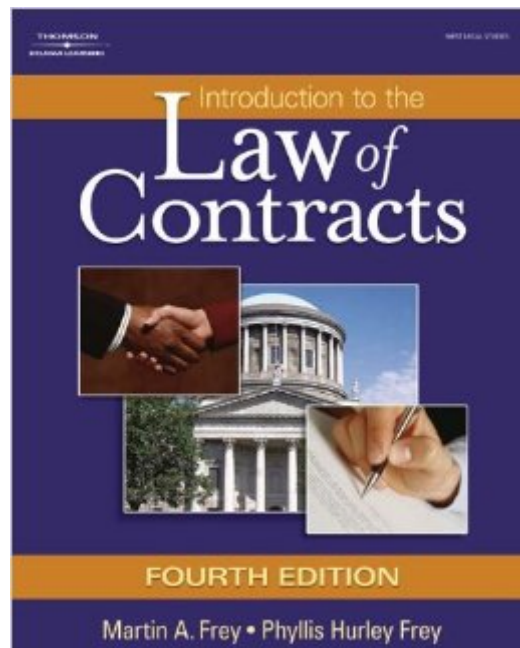


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Synopsis

An Introduction to the Law of Contracts is now out in its fourth edition. It is still carefully organized around a comprehensive road map that takes the student through the 6 steps of contract law, but the new edition includes added benefits. There are updated cases and examples, and each chapter ends with review questions to help reinforce the theories addressed in each chapter. The chapters also end with a checklist that helps to highlight the key concepts for the paralegal student. The first of 6 steps investigates what body of law applies to the transaction. The next step addresses the formation of a contract, offer and acceptance. Step 3 develops limitations on the party's freedom to contract, and concepts such as infancy, illegality, duress, and unconscionability are explored. The next step looks at the plaintiff's allegation of the defendant's breach. Step 5 organizes the defendant's responses to the plaintiff's allegation of breach, categorizing it into one of two basic types that is then further explored. The final step develops the plaintiff's remedies for the defendant's breach of contract. With this step both the Common Law and UCC Article 2 remedies are explored. The text also makes reference to international arbitration based on the fact that over 90% of international contract disputes are resolved through international arbitration rather than litigation. Paralegal students will benefit from this thorough and highly readable text that is completely current and has a focus on retention.

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This book is impossible. If you're in a paralegal course, please do yourself a HUGE favor and

choose another substantive. As one reviewer pointed out, it is written in legalese. The questions in the exercises, reviews, and chapter tests are unclear and confusing. The author is asking us to understand complicated concepts that someone in a paralegal course simply does not have the knowledge base to comprehend. We are not third year law students. I'm at the end of my course, all my grades were in the mid nineties, and I think I might fail this exam. I nearly threw the book across the room when I scored a 100% on a chapter review and then got a 64% on the chapter quiz, which asked about numerous UCC codes that were not in the chapter review and asked us to apply them to really complicated, convoluted situations. I quoted some parts of the book to one of my friends, a lawyer, and her response was, and I quote verbatim, "That's an incredibly stupid, confusing way to describe a simple concept." Awful. Simply awful.

I so wanted to like this book. This is the final class for the paralegal program I am in and since contracts are a huge portion of law I wanted to really understand it. With that being said, this book does not help. To echo other reviews, it is written in legalese. This is not even the biggest problem. As an introductory book this does nothing but repeat itself far too many times, confuse me and has far too many pages per chapter. It is too much to grasp as a paralegal student. The paragraphs read like tongue twisters. I have to read chapters numerous times to even begin grasping what the author is trying to say. Do yourself a favor and get a different book. Incredibly convoluted and unhelpful.

This book is written in legalese. It should have been written in laymen's style so people can understand it. For example, this section, which attempts to illustrate one party (out of three) dropping out of an agreement, reads like a tongue twister: "Anthony promised Best and Century that he would discharge Best from its duty to complete the remodeling and he would pay Century what Best owed Century for the materials if Best promised to discharge Anthony from his duty to pay Best and Century promised to discharge Best from Best's duty to pay Century." There is 600 pages of this. Have fun.

I am sorely disappointed by this textbook. It is poorly written and edited. I do not feel the text is helpful in preparing me to enter the paralegal field. And I have a problem with such a poorly written textbook costing so much. After graduation I intend to seek out a better source of information on contracts.

I am currently taking this class online and find the support minimal. There are no explanations after

the exercises which are throughout the chapters. The book appears on the onset to be well organised but the writing is confusing and I find myself frequently researching online through other avenues to unravel what has been written. I am attempting to find another book to supplement this so I can understand fully what they are attempting to say.

This is the Common Core version of Contracts--that is, simple contract law concepts made utterly incomprehensible. Do yourself a favor: get a real text that is written for real contract law study, such as either Contracts in a Nutshell, or the current Restatement. This text is worthless.

Easy to read and understand. My rental copy had lots of highlights and on page pen markings, but that was ok. I chose to go the rental route and I would strongly encourage others to do the same. The price new is outrageous, going the rental route is a smarter way to go.

I did not care for the style of writing. I sold this one on , and bought a contract book for paralegals from Aspen Publishers.

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