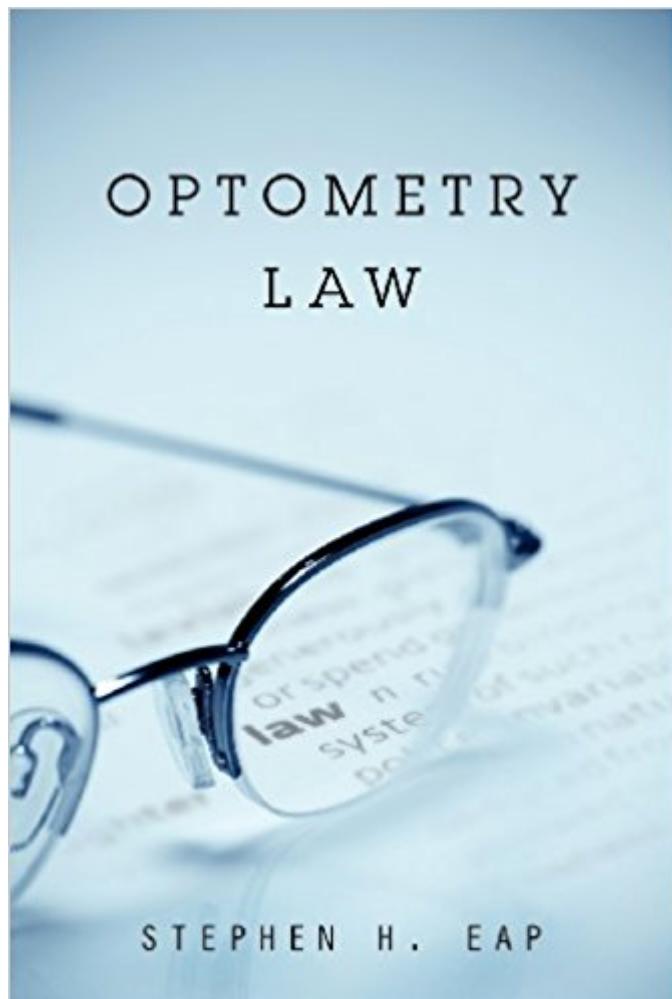


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# Optometry Law



## **Synopsis**

Optometry students and optometrists will find this book very useful in serving as a quick reference of how optometry and law interrelate in an optometric practice; therefore, providing the optometry students and optometrists an essential knowledge in optometry law for protection against a malpractice lawsuit. Generally, it is easier to prevent a malpractice lawsuit than to defend it.

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If you are practicing optometry in the United States, you should definitely read this book. If you are, you're more likely practicing some level of negligence without knowing it. This book will help remind you of it. The book is quite easy to read. I'm impressed that a JD can write a book in such a simple language, which is what I like most about it. First part of the book covers optometry law of the US. Then, it goes into the laws of each state from A to Z. I keep it in my office for good reference. I also like that the book gives you different forms: informed consent forms, refusal forms, referral forms, surgical forms, other forms that you can copy and use for your office. Even these forms are written in a simple and concise language. Patients will feel more friendly reading and signing the forms. The only little thing I'd wish was that the "Summary of Optometry Laws by State" section was not written in all CAP's. But that's just minor thing, and it's my personal preference. Overall, I'd give this book an A+. It deserves to be read by all practicing optometrists. If you're an optometry student about to go into clinical, I would highly recommend this book as well.

This new text by Stephen Eap, O.D., J.D., serves as an excellent reference to the numerous laws that govern the practice of optometry including negligence, assault, battery, informed consent, fraud, defamation, contract and liability. These important topics are described in a clear and concise manner. Dr. Eap then focuses on several clinical entities including contact lenses, binocular vision, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and dissects each with reference to the law. The final chapters deal with risk management and legal tips for the practitioner. In this age of consumerism and expanded scope of practice, the book serves as an important reference for the legal and ethical implications of providing quality eye and vision health care.

I find Optometry Law extremely well written and easier to comprehend than your typical law book. It breaks down each section of the law with respect to Optometry into simple, concise descriptions. I especially like the sample cases and take home message after each section that makes the specific law Dr. Eap is explaining more applicable and easier to understand. The break down of the Clinical Optometry portion of this book is clearly organized into what is expected of the practitioner as standard of care as well as what can potentially result in legal action if the standard of care is breached. The sample forms that are included (for informed consent, dilation, release of patient information, just to name a few) make it easy to incorporate into any optometric practice. For all practicing OD's, this is an excellent reference book and will enable all clinicians to be more thorough and detail oriented.

Outstanding book! A must have for any optometrist. Lots of information laid out in an easy to reference format covering all 50 states. Highly recommended.

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