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Admiralty In A Nutshell



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This particular nut-shell was recommended to me by a leading admiralty trial attorney during an interview. Since I graduated from a law school that did not offer courses in maritime law, I needed something to give me a foundation in that area, so I could compete with interviewees that had graduated from law schools that offered maritime law classes. Well, the book did just that; it contains a lot of substance and covers maritime law issues in the perspective and tone of a practitioner. Although it's a small book, it offers a needed foundation to a vast and complex and interesting field for the out-sider.

I used Admiralty in a Nutshell to prepare for my Admiralty class and exam in law school. I would not recommend using this book in place of a course in Admiralty or a case book, but this is thorough and explains concepts well. The table of contents at the beginning of the book is detailed, so you don't have to go hunting through the text searching for information on a specific topic. The

chapter layouts make sense, and the topics build on each other in an easy to understand way. This book is one of the only Admiralty hornbooks on the market, and luckily for me it also turned out to be helpful.

I highly recommend this for anyone who is starting off in the maritime field. It gives a great overview of the field in a very succinct fashion. It also serves as a good refresher when you're practicing if you need to find a quick reference or review a topic.

I work in International Trade Law, and wanted to expand my understanding of Maritime & Admiralty Law, so I could improve my practice skills to meet the needs of potential clients. After considering several Hornbooks on the topic, and rather than taking CLE courses right off the bat, I decided to prime my understanding with a walk around the basics of Maritime & Admiralty Law. This book presents a clearly written, no bones approach that allows you to absorb the major points of this area of law, without cluttering the presentation with Socratic inquiries or tangential topics. The manner in which it is presented includes a discussion of a topic area, and some discussion of major case law, as well as information about how this area of law may or may not coincide with the common law in non-maritime/non-admiralty cases. It also pays close attention to areas where state law and admiralty/maritime law intersect. This is vital for two reasons: first, it gives you the kind of practical advice that helps you best serve your clients, and second, it gives you a hint about scenarios in which it might be better to associate with counsel with greater expertise in a particular area of law. I find the text easy to read and understand. It is well organized, and it was clearly well-planned. I highly recommend this guide to a neophyte practitioner with an interest in maritime or admiralty, or to a student who wants to find out more about this area of law.

I want to preface my review with this: if you are taking an admiralty law class, buy this book! I don't normally make such sweeping recommendations, but this book was amazing and invaluable in helping me understand admiralty concepts and supplementing my readings. The nutshell goes into good detail on key-concepts of the subject such as: Admiralty jurisdiction, what is a vessel, navigable waters, maritime torts and contracts, salvage, and 2 important admiralty categories: longshoremen and seamen. The book however is not perfect and it does not cover the 3rd category: Passengers. Overall though, this was probably one of the best nutshells or supplements I've ever used for a class.

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