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Alternative Dispute Resolution

1. Mediation in a nutshell

By Kimberlee Kovach

This volume covers the history and philosophy of alternative dispute resolution; it provides a review of the basics of negotiation, examines court-ordered and legislatively mandated mediation, and explores instances where mediation is not the best method. An overview of the profession itself is included, with an examination of ethical considerations. The Texas Lawyer's Creed Section II.11 requires clients to be advised of the availability of alternative methods of resolving disputes; this title provides a solid overview of available options. Thomson West, 2010. 386 pages.

KF 9084 K68 2010

Bankruptcy

2. Bankruptcy Code, rules and forms: including Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Evidence

By West Publishing Co.

This publication from West contains the current Bankruptcy Code and related provisions effective through 2009. It contains the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, and selected Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. Also included are official and procedural bankruptcy forms. This is a good reference source for anyone practicing bankruptcy law. Thomson West, 2010. 1 volume.

KF 1511 A2 2010

3. Consumer bankruptcy law and practice

By Henry Sommer

This manual is a basic resource for both attorneys and paralegals when handling bankruptcy cases. The author focuses on serving consumers with low and moderate incomes. Topics covered include the different types of bankruptcy, determining when bankruptcy is the best solution, exemptions, secured creditors, attorney fees, and litigating in bankruptcy court. National Consumer Law Center, 2009. 2 volumes.

KF 1524 S6 2009

Business Organizations

4. Governance of nonprofit organizations course, 2010

By State Bar of Texas

This course contains 22 units on issues pertinent to the governance of nonprofit organizations, including five sessions on tax issues, such as property taxes and a review of current tax issues by a representative of the IRS. Other units include information on director's and officer's insurance, how to create nonprofit governing documents, an overview of donor intent litigation, coverage of required public disclosures, an update on federal law on nonprofits, and an overview of a nonprofit legal audit. State Bar of Texas, 2010. 1 volume.

KFT 1388 G68 2010

Civil Rights

5. Disabilities and the law

By Laura Rothstein

This title, now in its fourth edition, explores complex issues with physical and mental disability in employment, education, public accommodations and services, transportation, housing, and access to health care with a focus on rights rather than benefits. Chapters cover elementary and secondary education, higher education, employment, public accommodations and public services, architectural barriers, housing, transportation, pursuit of happiness, and health care. Appendices include definitions, major statutes and regulations, and an extensive case law index. Thomson West, 2009. 1 volume.

KF 480 R67 2009

6. Rights of women: the authoritative ACLU guide to women's rights

By Lenora Lapidus

This title is a comprehensive guide that explains in detail the rights of women under present U.S. law, and how these laws can be used in the continuing struggle to achieve full gender equality at home, in the workplace, at school, and in society at large. The *Rights of women* explores the concept of equal protection and covers topics including employment, education, housing, and public accommodations. This handbook also examines the specific issues of trafficking, violence against women, welfare reform, and reproductive freedom. New York University Press, 2009. 412 pages.

KF 478 L37 2009

Commercial Law

7. Collections and creditors' rights 101

By State Bar of Texas

The 2010 State Bar of Texas Collections and Creditors' Rights 101 course provides helpful tips for the commercial and collections lawyer. Topics covered include presentation materials on commercial collections in the court room and an overview of the collections process. Also included are samples of forms and demand letters to aid in practice. State Bar of Texas, 2010. 1 volume. KFT 1024 S75 2010

Criminal Law

8. Representing the mentally ill offender: an evaluation of advocacy alternatives

By Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense

In the fall of 2008, the Task Force on Indigent Defense began a two-year long review of the defense models utilized by attorneys advocating for mentally ill defendants in Texas: Mental Health Public Defenders and Mental Health Courts. The Task Force's study finds that both Mental Health Courts and Mental Health Public Defenders offer new opportunities for defense counsel to play a key role in advocating for clients' access to treatment-oriented dispositions. This evaluation report describes the objectives, methodology, and findings in relation to the topic of a specialized justice system for those suffering from mental illness and draws conclusions about emerging roles for the defense community in improving legal and therapeutic outcomes for people with mental illness. Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense, 2010. 67 pages. Online at: <http://www.courts.state.tx.us/tfid/pdf/MHStudyFinal.pdf>

KFT 480 R47 2010

Debtor and Creditor

9. Collecting consumer debts: the challenges of change: a workshop report

By Federal Trade Commission

Published by the Federal Trade Commission, this title looks at the debt collection process and the legal framework of debt collection. It also covers the role of the Federal Trade Commission and then goes on to look at changes in the debt collection industry and the modernizing of the debt collection system. United States Federal Trade Commission, 2009. 1 volume. Online at: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/debtcollection/dcwr.pdf>

KF 1501 F4 2009

Education

10. Special education issues and the juvenile justice system in Texas, 2010

By State Bar of Texas

This one day course was held in Austin on June 25, 2010. Topics covered include adjudication of juveniles with mental disabilities, juveniles and mental health issues, clearing juvenile criminal records, non-disclosure, class c misdemeanors in municipal or justice of the peace court, client-attorney relationship, ARD hearings, behavior intervention, and restraints and seclusion. State Bar of Texas, 2010. 1 volume.

KFT 9779 S6 2010

11. Special education laws and the school environment: a condensed guide to understanding your rights as a parent

By Texas Young Lawyers Association

This handbook, distributed by the Texas Young Lawyers Association, is designed to help parents understand all aspects of special education, including what to expect from their child's school and ultimately how to help their child succeed in school. Specific sections cover special education law, key definitions from the

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the dispute resolution process. Additional resources for parents are provided. Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2010. 16 pages. Online at: <http://www.tyla.org/tasks/sites/default/assets/File/37665SpecialEdBookletLoRes.pdf>
KFT 4209.3 S64 2010

12. The educator's guide to Texas school law

By Jim Walsh

This volume explains Texas school law in plain language for easy use by Texas educators. All major topics in education law are covered including student attendance, instructional programs, special education, the employment relationship, educator's expression and associational rights, student discipline, and privacy issues. Laws are explained so that educators can understand the reasoning behind the laws as well as their rights and responsibilities as an educator. The authors provide a subject index and a case index as well as a glossary of terms. University of Texas Press, 2010. 490 pages.

KFT 4119 K4 2010

Elder Law

13. New times, new challenges: law and advice for savvy seniors and their families

By Kenney Hegland

The authors, Hegland and Fleming, are law professors and have written extensively for legal texts. In this book they have managed to write on an emotionally laden, dreaded subject conveying accurate information in a witty, readable style. It covers the usual elder law topics, as well as the social and family issues surrounding growing older. Carolina Academic Press, 2010. 286 pages.
KF 390 A4 H443 2010

Evidence

14. Strengthening forensic science in the United States: a path forward

By National Research Council. Committee on identifying the needs of the forensic science community

This text provides a detailed plan for addressing the needs of the forensic science community and suggests the creation of a new government entity, the National Institute of Forensic Science, to establish and enforce standards within that community. While this book provides a call-to-action for congress and policy makers, it also serves as a tool for law enforcement agencies, criminal prosecutors and attorneys, and forensic science educators. National Academies Press, 2009. 328 pages.
KF 8961 S73 2009

Immigration

15. Kurzban's immigration law sourcebook: a comprehensive outline and reference tool

By Ira Kurzban

This sourcebook is designed to serve as a quick reference guide to relevant federal and administrative cases, regulations and statutes, and agency rulings for all major areas of immigration law. It can help pinpoint the significant cases and references on particular topics, or as a basis for further research. The twelfth edition includes information on new regulations for R, T, and U visas, new No-Match and FAR regulations, information for special immigrants such as juveniles, and changes to H-2A and H-2B visas, post-REAL ID asylum cases, and the EB-5 program. American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2010. 1652 pages.
KF 4819.3 K87 2010

16. State efforts to deter unauthorized aliens legal analysis of Arizona's S.B. 1070

By Michael Garcia

This Congressional Research Service report examines Arizona's controversial S.B. 1070. The report discusses the background of Arizona S.B. 1070 and examines the major provisions of the law as modified by Arizona H.B. 2162. An overview of the issue of federal preemption includes information on state enforcement of immigration and criminalization of immigration-related conduct. Finally racial profiling issues and concerns are addressed. Congressional Research Service, 2010. 24 pages. Online at: <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesecc/R41221.pdf>
KF 4819 G27 2010

Juries and Jury Instructions

17. Choosing and courting a jury, 2010

By State Bar of Texas

A collection of articles from the one-day Choosing and Courting a Jury Course seminar sponsored by the State Bar of Texas and directed by Lisa Blue and Robert B. Hirschhorn. Individual presentations focus on two aspects of the jury: how to choose a proper panel during voir dire selection and how to effectively tell your client's story to jury throughout the course of trial. Tips, questionnaires, charges, and sample forms accompany a number of the articles. State Bar of Texas, 2010. 1 volume.
KFT 8976 C5 2010

Labor and Employment

18. Texas employment law handbook: a guide for employers

By Brian Greig

The 2009-2011 edition of this handbook covers a wide range of employment law issues for Texas employers. Specific topics covered include the employment-at-will doctrine, vicarious liability, unfair competition, wage garnishment, payday law, EEO laws, ADA, workers' compensation, mass layoff notice requirements, and drug testing. Texas Association of Business, 2001. 1 volume. KFT 3319 T48 2009/11

Legal Ethics

19. ABA compendium of professional responsibility rules and standards

By Center for Professional Responsibility

This is a collection of essential legal ethics materials for lawyers, judges and students of the law. It includes models for ethical and professional conduct and standards for enforcing conduct developed by the American Bar Association. The compendium also contains a selection of federal rules and standards that are needed in the general practice of law and for practice before the SEC and IRS. The topics included are ABA model rules, codes and guidelines, and selected ABA formal ethics opinions. American Bar Association, 2010. 1 volume. KF 305 A2 C6 2010

Legal Research and Writing

20. ABA Spanish legal phrasebook

By Samantha Ward

Developing Spanish language skills is vital for attorneys looking to expand their practices and to provide legal services to largest and fastest growing minority group in the United States. This phrasebook provides translations for the legal terms that need to be communicated to a Spanish speaking clientele. The book covers general legal terms and then is divided by chapters specific to each area of law. This book will not make you a fluent speaker, but it can provide a handy starting point. American Bar Association, 2010. 100 pages. KF 156 S6 W37 2010

21. Google for lawyers: essential search tips and productivity tools

By Carole Levitt

This is a practical guide for attorneys, that shows them how to get the most out of Google for their research and technology needs. Topics include the reliability of information on the Internet, Google search strategies, retrieving information from publicly archived e-mail messages, and monitoring current financial news on public companies and market trends for due diligence. Technology topics include free knowledge management tools from Google, free collaboration tools, and using Google Scholar to locate information from academic sources and retrieve free case law. American Bar Association, 2010. 514 pages. KF 242 L48 2010

22. Mexican law for the American lawyer

By Jorge Vargas

This treatise provides a great introduction to Mexican law. Some of the topics discussed are Mexico's legal system, rules of conflicts of law, international contracts, acquisition of real estate, international adoption, family law and extradition between Mexico and the United States. Carolina Academic Press, 2009. 661 pages.

KF 383 V37 2009

Medical Malpractice**23. Standards of care in emergency medicine: a practical guide to emergency procedures and legal liability**

By Neil Wigder

This manual, updated for 2010, is designed for the physician or attorney concerned with standards of care in emergency medicine. Standards of care for specific cases representing the diagnoses that most frequently are associated with malpractice suits involving substantial settlements or awards are covered, including appendicitis, cervical spine injury, closed head injury, suicidal patient, stroke, and pneumonia. Both a medical and a legal analysis of each emergency situation is provided, including medical definitions, diagnostic criteria, clinical tests, and a legal analysis including plaintiff's position, defendant's position, and the probable legal outcome. Aspen, 1998. 1 volume.

KF 3826 W52 1998

National Security**24. Homeland security and emergency management: a legal guide for state and local governments**

By Ernest Abbott

This title seeks to give state and local government attorneys a basic understanding of this broad area of law. The editors stress the importance of maintaining the constitutional rights of individuals and the rule of law while effectively responding to crisis situations whether they are natural disasters or manmade calamities. The second edition expands the coverage to topics such as "fusion centers" designed to facilitate the sharing of information by various levels of government, provisions for the continuity of legal services, operational judicial and electoral systems. American Bar Association, 2010. 413 pages.

KF 4850 L44 2010

Securities**25. Treatise on the law of securities regulation**

By Thomas Hazen

This title looks at basic securities regulation issues and then goes into depth on a variety of topics including registration requirements, exemptions and liabilities under the Securities Act, reporting requirements, corporate takeovers, and civil liability. The set also includes several appendices including tables with cases, statutes, and regulations. Thomson West, 2009. 7 volumes.

KF 1439 H36 2009

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