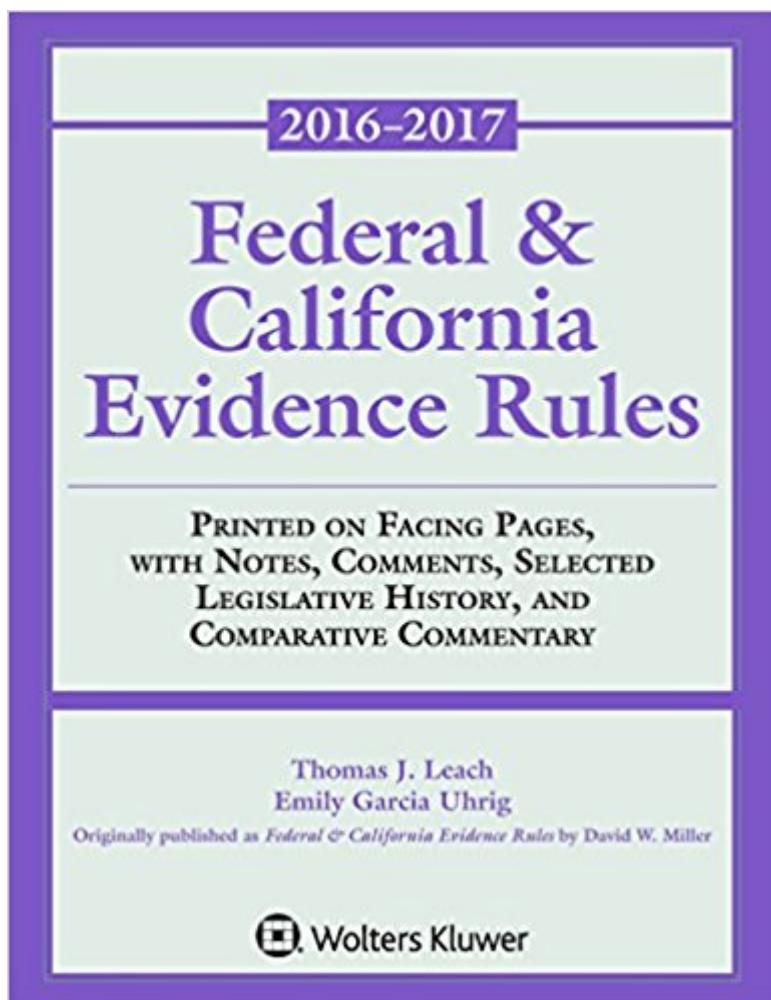


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Arrived on time and as described!

The book arrived in a timely manner and was in good condition. However, what is inside the book is frustrating and the people who wrote it should have taken a class on how to streamline rules. Have fun in Evidence class!

Perfect! a must have book for those pursuing a career in law.

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had to get it for a law class, though this class is not my favorite I am learning a lot. is a great place to buy your school books!

The pages will not show as they do in the print copy, the format for the Kindle version differs in that the federal and state pages do not face each other and are not near one another in the individual

pages. Instead the federal rules for example will have a clickable cross reference to the California codes. In addition to the search feature this is a real winner!

There are so many weird typo-like errors in this book that you sometimes can't even read what the rule is. I'm not saying something is spelled incorrectly, random symbols and other letters appear in the middle of words or on top of other letters so you really have trouble trying to discern what you're reading. It would be fine, albeit giant, if it wasn't for the weird mistakes that are on every page.

This side-by-side comparison of the re-styled Federal Rules of Evidence (FRE) and the California Evidence Code (CEC) is a must-have resource for anyone planning to take the California Bar Exam, or intending to practice civil or criminal trial work in California! I'm a civil trial lawyer with 25 years' experience in state and federal trial and appellate courts. I also teach evidence at an ABA-accredited law school. This book is an absolute requirement for my students, and an invaluable resource in my law practice. The book is laid out in three easy-to-read sections. Each section has page numbers preceded by a roman numeral (I, II or III). Section I - A side-by-side comparison of the FRE and corresponding CEC provisions. This feature is "worth the price of admission" all by itself. But wait...there's more. The text's editors have added commentary in gray-shaded boxes which highlight, compare and contrast important distinctions and similarities between the corresponding rules. For instance, as to the "best evidence rule" / "secondary evidence rule," the editorial comments articulate important distinctions in the statutory text (and philosophical approach) in the FRE vis-a-vis the CEC. While the end-result in terms of admissibility will frequently be the same, the road to reaching that destination diverges between the FRE and CEC. Failing to grasp these subtle differences can mean the difference between exclusion or admission of key evidence at trial. This is just the kind of nuance that law professors and bar examiners find fruitful for testing. Fortunately, this book illuminates both the state and federal paths to admissibility for the student and practitioner. Section II - A full recitation of the FRE, with Advisory Committee Notes explaining the history of, and intent underlying, the particular rule. These Notes are an important resource for scholars, jurists and practitioners alike. Section III - A full recitation of the CEC, with California Law Revision Commission Comments. These choice bits of legislative history are important to understanding the rules, and are regularly relied upon by the courts in interpreting the California Evidence Code. Selected case notes, as well as legislative and state constitutional notes, are also appended following particular rules to provide further guidance. [In contrast to the comments of another reviewer of this product, I have not noticed "typos" or "weird" characters on

any pages of the 3 copies of this volume which I own.] While the text of the FRE and CEC are available free-of-charge on the Internet, this book offers an unparalleled resource that extends far beyond the plain statutory text. It's a fantastic tool in the classroom and in the courtroom.

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