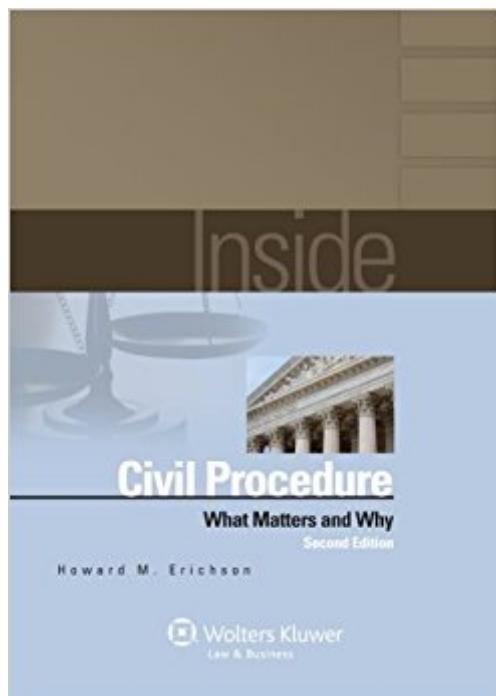


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# Inside Civil Procedure: What Matters & Why, Second Edition



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Inside Civil Procedure: What Matters and Why, like a great teacher, helps law students understand civil procedure clearly and deeply. Procedural rules and doctrines that at first seem incomprehensible finally make sense when students understand what the rules are trying to do, how they are used in practice, and how they fit into the bigger picture. Unlike oversimplified outlines or lengthy treatises, Inside Civil Procedure: What Matters and Why, actually teaches the material with clear explanations and a host of features designed to help students master the material. By the end of each chapter, students will have a clear understanding of not only how the procedural rules and doctrines work, but also how the pieces of the puzzle fit together. Overviews set up each topic. FAQs give straight answers to frequent questions and clear up common mistakes and misconceptions. Sidebars offer insights, study tips, and practice pointers. Step-by-step analyses demonstrate how to apply the material. Chapter summaries provide quick review guides. Connections help students fit the material with other topics in civil procedure.

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## **Customer Reviews**

After reading this supplement I was tempted to go back and re-rate all of the other supplements I'd rated because none of them are as good as this one. Most of the semester I relied on the Civ Pro E&E but a couple days before my Civ Pro I exam I ordered this book and was pleasantly surprised. It gave a good breakdown of all the key concepts, highlighting the concepts which most students struggle with (or get wrong) on exams and it didn't do so in an overly wordy way like the E&Es.

However, I will add that by the time I bought this book I had outlined my entire course, and read other supplements. I found that this book was great for saying all of the things which the other supplements didn't. For instance in explaining venue it provided the answer that most students gave, why it was wrong and what's correct. And, It didn't need a stupidly long hypo to do it. A different reviewer gave the supplement four stars because it was "basic" - I'll concede that you won't be able to call yourself "professor" after reading this - I do think that this is a good tool to use after you've at least done some studying. You're going to miss the intricacies of all the rules of you just rely on supplements anyway. However, unlike the other reviewer, my Civil Procedure class is a full year & I didn't read the chapters which weren't covered in the first semester of the course so I can't comment the book's entirety.

As a 1L, its hard to know what to do until the majority of the semester is over. I got this book toward the end of my civil procedure class, but I have to say that reading it really tied things up for me. I did have the chance to read a couple of sections before we covered them in class, and I must say that I was much better prepared. Reading this book first, then reading from my casebook, allowed me to work through the issues before class discussion, so that my participation in class discussion was significantly more beneficial to my overall understanding. If I had the opportunity to do it all again (Heaven forbid!), I would certainly read this book first, then re-read each relevant section before reading my cases for class throughout the term. On a final note, the step-by-step analysis found at the end of subject matter jurisdiction and other important sections will help me get through the exam with a better grade, I'm sure. I highly recommend this book.

I bought this book early in the semester of Civil Procedure II. Really, I should have bought it at the beginning of the year. If your civ pro section is an entire year, which I imagine it will be, this is a pretty valuable book. The problem in my mind is that it is a little too basic for what I needed. It definitely helps you get a solid understanding of the topic, but going to class and reading the FRCP can accomplish the same thing. Either way, its a nice back up supplement. If you want to master the topic, this book probably isn't the one to go with because it seems to baby you along at times.

This is a fantastic book that can build a strong root with an in depth understanding even for the non professional like me. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in representing him/herself. I also think that if there is any prior knowledge needed to read this book, it, mostly, does not exceed the level of a very basic knowledge. If there is one book that I wish I was told about before I start

reading in these matters it is this book.

Honestly, I learned more from reading this book cover to cover the week before the exam, than I learned from my entire semester in Civil Procedure. This brilliant book breaks down civil procedure into manageable chunks. It even manages to make the material interesting. I'd recommend reading it as a supplement as you cover each new topic throughout the semester, instead of cramming at the end. GET THIS BOOK.

Erichson is one of the best civ pro professors in the U.S. The book confirms this

This was very useful for me while taking the class. Would definitely recommend as it really explains everything sufficiently and in a way that is easily understandable.

In my opinion, this book is the Holy Grail for Civil Procedure.

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