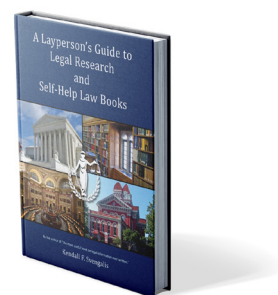


A Layperson's Guide to Legal Research and Self-Help Law Books

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An essential guide to legal self-help literature by a leading authority in the field

- Easy-to-understand, revolutionary guide for students and laypersons
- Decipher legal information and navigate the U.S. justice system
- Includes up-to-date directory of public law libraries by state
- Understand how federal or state laws and regulations apply in addressing a particular legal issue



About This Title

Legal research for laypersons or students can be a daunting exercise unless they have a basic understanding of the legal system, the applicable subject area, its sources of law, and how these relate to the subject matter at hand. This unique, up-to-date annotated bibliography of self-help law books fills a critical void and augments previous efforts by placing each subject field in its appropriate legal context. It further explains how federal or state constitutional law, statutes, case law, administrative regulations, municipal ordinances or regulations apply in addressing a particular legal issue. No previous bibliographic guide to the law for laypersons has added this critical component.

This revolutionary new guide provides substantive reviews of 800 general and subject-specific titles of particular interest to a lay audience. Each of the 85 subject areas covered is preceded by an introductory overview of the field and the sources of law applicable to that field, together with relevant websites for further research. Reviews are lengthier and more content-laden than standard bibliographies, providing valuable insights into the subject matter of the field.

The guide includes a title index, bibliography of state legal research guides, a complete and up-to-date directory of public law libraries (by state), and a publisher directory. Laypersons and students are further aided by introductory chapters that explain the nature of self-help law vs. hiring an attorney, providing a useful roadmap to legal information, an overview of the U.S. justice system, and general works on United States law.

Readers will gain valuable guidance on the most frequently asked legal questions, including:

- ★ How do I handle my own divorce?
- ★ How do I contest my real estate assessment?
- ★ How can I help my heirs avoid probate?
- ★ What happens if my aunt dies without a will?
- ★ How can I patent my invention?
- ★ How do I contest a traffic ticket?
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- ★ How do I start a small business?
- ★ How can I take a business owner to small claims court?
- ★ How can I mediate a property line dispute with my neighbor?

About the Author

For more than thirty years, **Kendall Svengalis** has been the nation's leading advocate for legal information consumers facing an oligopolistic legal publishing industry. He has been described as "a prophet who has the courage to speak the truth about legal publishing." Since 1996, his award-winning annual *Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual*, which has been described as "hands-down the most useful book on legal information ever written," has saved budget-strapped law libraries across the country millions of dollars. In this **new, groundbreaking book**, he turns his bibliographic and consumer expertise to the legal self-help literature designed to **save laypersons from the high cost of legal services**.

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