Law Dictionary (Barron's Legal Guides)
Synopsis

A quick-reference source for lawyers, law students, legal professionals, and the interested layperson, this book defines more than 3,000 legal terms in non-technical language, but without sacrificing legal accuracy. Terms apply to civil procedure, commercial law and contracts, constitutional law, criminal law, property law, and torts. This title is also available in a somewhat larger format "trade paperback" edition.

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This little book will save any student while studying for exams.

I thought this would be such a good reference book to have on hand, especially studying to be a paralegal, and it did have some good reviews, from what I remember....... or I wouldn't have gotten it. And I liked the fact it was small, thick, soft-material-type paperback (I love those kind!); ya know, an easy, quick-reference type book - perfect for studying, right? Well, wrong. This is the 4th edition, Copyright 1996. Maybe that's why. But I thought, gosh, surely it's got tons of legal words for studying paralegal. Man, nearly 1 out of every 2 words I look up are not in this book. That's 50%; and sometimes 2 out of 2. It claims to have More Than 3,000 - so I'm thinkin.......ok, that oughtta be suffish. NO. The deal is this: this book fails miserably in what I got it for - to help me study and to have a Quick REF on hand to be able to look up words (again, quickly is the key here), learn what they mean, and not have to fiddle-fudge around checking out 3 or 4 books just to get a DEFINITION! I hate wasting time, and having to go through more steps to accomplish something
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Should you have any interest in the law -- and who among us does not? -- this handybook is an absolute must. It is smaller, and therefore less comprehensive, than the Black’s Law Dictionary, but for that reason it is easier to use and carry with you. There are, I found, few topics left uncovered -- most of them in U.S. Constitional Law --but in all other areas the book is extremely valuable.

This is a good Law dictionary. Easier to find meaning and easier to use it.

Great Law Dictionary for QUICK REFERENCES or law students who’re just starting school. This dictionary has under 4,000 legal terms and definitions so keep that in mind before buying. A good temporary solution or quick reference dictionary at best.

I am a practicing trial attorney and use this dictionary when on the go. The definitions it contains are legally sound and reliable. It is a great buy for anyone working in the law or related fields. Adolfo Del Castillo, Miami, Florida.

I was searching for a used Black’s Law Dictionary(Fifth Edition) I have not done an exhaustive study of the book I received, but a quick scan tells me this is not what I ordered. This is a wake up call for me to be aware of those that are less than truthful and are only out to make a “buck”!!! It will cost more to return it than it is worth!“Screw” me once, shane on me, screw me twice, SHAME on you!!!Leah Schweitzer

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