

Study Aids: Torts



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The following is a list of recommended study aids in the Law Library's collection on torts:

◆ Abraham, Kenneth S., *The Forms and Functions of Tort Law* (3d ed. 2007). Reserve, KF1250.Z9 A27 2007

Published as part of the Foundation Press's *Concepts and Insights* series, the author addresses the nature and function of tort law, intentional physical and emotional harm, the negligence standard, proof of negligence, cause-in-fact, proximate cause, defenses based on plaintiff's conduct, strict liability and nuisance, products liability, damages, affirmative and limited liability, tort reform, workers' compensation, no-fault systems, defamation, invasion of privacy, and economic harms.

◆ Diamond, John L. et al., *Understanding Torts* (3d ed. 2007). Reserve, KF1250 .D5 2007

Examined are intentional torts and privileges, negligence, strict and products liability, damages, joint and several liability, nuisance, economic torts, misuse of legal process, defamation, and invasion of privacy.

◆ Dobbs, Dan B., *The Law of Torts* (2000). Reserve, KF1250 .D6 2000.

Physical interference with persons or property, types of personal injury cases, defamation, and invasion of privacy are the subjects of this hornbook.

◆ Glannon, Joseph W., *The Law of Torts: Examples and Explanations* (3d ed. 2005). Reserve, KF1250.Z9 G58 2005

Subjects discussed in this text are intentional torts, negligence, causation, duty, damages for personal injury, liability of multiple defendants, and effect of plaintiff's conduct. Each discussion of the topic is followed by examples for the reader to work through along with explanations of the examples.

◆ Keeton, W. Page, ed. et al., *Prosser and Keeton on the Law of Torts* (5th ed. 1984). Reserve, KF1250 .P73 1984

This is the classic hornbook on the law of torts

◆ Kionka, Edward J., *Torts in a Nutshell* (4th ed. 2005). Reserve, KF1250.Z9 K53 2005

The author covers tort law principles dealing with strict liability, negligence, intentional misconduct, liability for particular activities, damages, tort and contract, immunities, survival and wrongful death, defamation, invasion of privacy, misrepresentation, and non-disclosure.

◆ Shapo, Marshall S., *Principles of Tort Law* (2d ed. 2003). Reserve, KF1250 .S53 2003

Published as part of the West/Thomson Reuters *Concise Hornbook* series, addressed in this text are theories of liability and defenses, problems in causation and limitation of liability, tort liability of publishers, valuing the interests (i.e. damages), and torts involving contracts.

The Restatements

◆ *Restatement of the Law Second, Torts* (1981 -). Reserve and Stacks, KF395 .A2 C67

◆ *Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Products Liability* (1998 -). Reserve and Stacks, KF395.T67 A4 1998

◆ *Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Apportionment of Liability* (2000 -). Reserve and Stacks, KF395.T67 A6 2000

The *Restatements* sets are an attempt to provide a “restatement” of the general principles of the common law on various subjects, the law of torts being among them. Each general principle or rule of torts is followed by a hypothetical illustrating applications of the principle. Each rule is also accompanied by the Reporter's Notes which provide background information on the development of the rule. Accompanying annotations cite court decisions, statutes, and secondary sources both in support and contrary to the rule.

Electronic Study Aid: CALI

In addition to the print study aids, CALI (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) provides electronic access to interactive lessons on torts in addition to other subjects. All incoming first-year students receive a CALI CD in their orientation packet. Lessons are also available via the CALI website at **www.cali.org**. When signing up for access at the CALI website, you will need to obtain the law school's authorization code from a reference librarian. To view an annotated listing of the CALI lessons available for torts, select “Torts” under the heading “CALI Topics.”