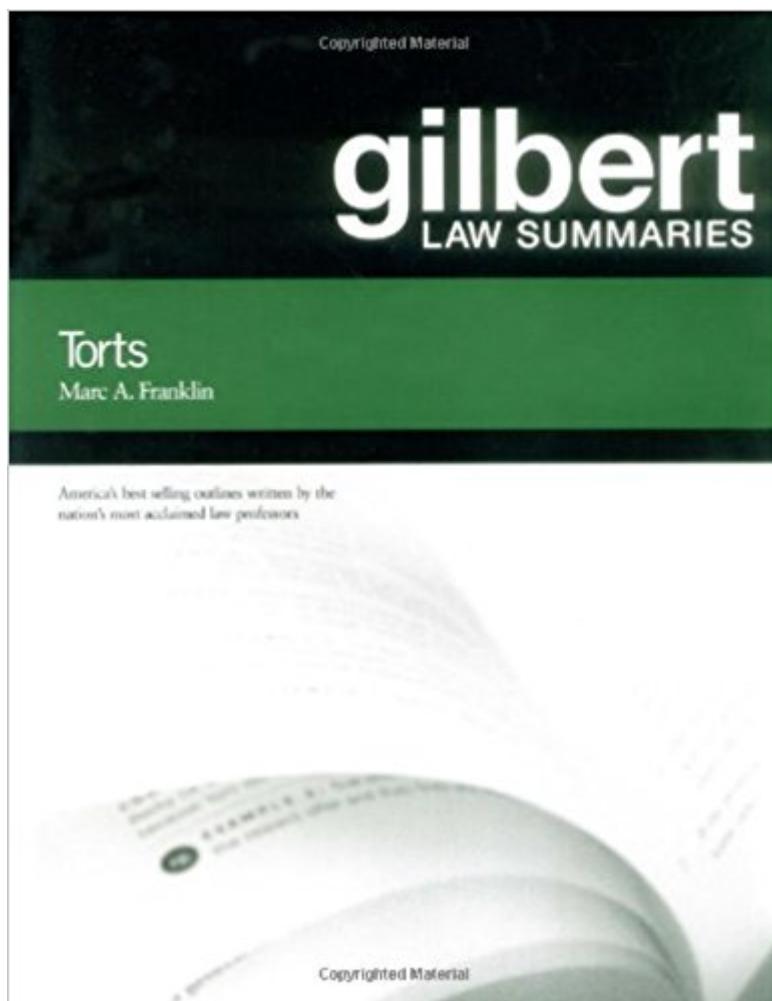


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As context for the following, please bear in mind that I am neither a lawyer nor a law student. I am an arbitrator, doing what is called court-annexed arbitration, which is notably different from commercial arbitration and is more like what I might call junior judging. My interest in this book was in boosting my understanding of the basics of tort law. Most of the cases I hear sound in contract law and I never hear big or complex tort claims. What I needed was to be sure of the principles of tort. My approach was to undertake a study more in depth than I would ever need, hoping to extract from my study a thorough understanding of the essential principles. This book I believe is serving my purpose. So far as I can tell, it focuses the doctrines of tort law well and conveys accurately the state of the law. The book has, however, a signal shortcoming. In reading, I search out and read many if not most of the opinions that are cited in the text as illustrations. I regret

to note that a significant minority of the opinions in the cited cases do not in fact illustrate the point of law they are cited for. This doesn't make the point of law wrong or irrelevant, but it is annoying not to have the promised illustration. Furthermore, the case citations are disproportionately from California courts. This seems to me problematic because California jurisprudence is often at variance with doctrine in many other states. An outlier is not good illustration for the generality. A third shortcoming is that several of the names of the cited cases are misspelled, or the index is wrong. I have been using the internet to search out the cases. A misspelling is a nuisance that slows down my study. It may also be that the reason I cannot find some of the cases on the internet is not because they are not somewhere reported in that way, but that the search engine won't pitch them up because I'm not spelling them correctly. In sum, it seems to be a good outline of torts, but errors in citing illustrative case opinions are a distinct shortcoming.

I had both Gilbert and Emanuel for torts and tried using both. By far, Gilbert is superior (in torts, at least; may not apply for other subjects). My textbook just glossed over the intentional tort stuff, so I depended entirely on Gilbert to fill in all the gaps. Negligence stuff is solid as well, but if your class/instructor is jurisdiction-specific (as mine was) you may have to look further than just Gilbert to point to the right black letter law.

Great study guide helped me get through my torts law class while becoming a paralegal.

I liked other sources better than gilberts.

Great study aid!

Great condition, I like the Gilberts books.

Useful

This book is not just a study guide for last minute cramming. I recommend you buy it early in the semester and use it as a companion for the entire course (coming from someone who bought it in November and is kicking himself). Reading this book after you have read and briefed your casebook will give you a nice little summary of the topic you're studying. Yes there are outlines. Yes there are practice questions. But this is also a great way to prepare for each class, not just the final.

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