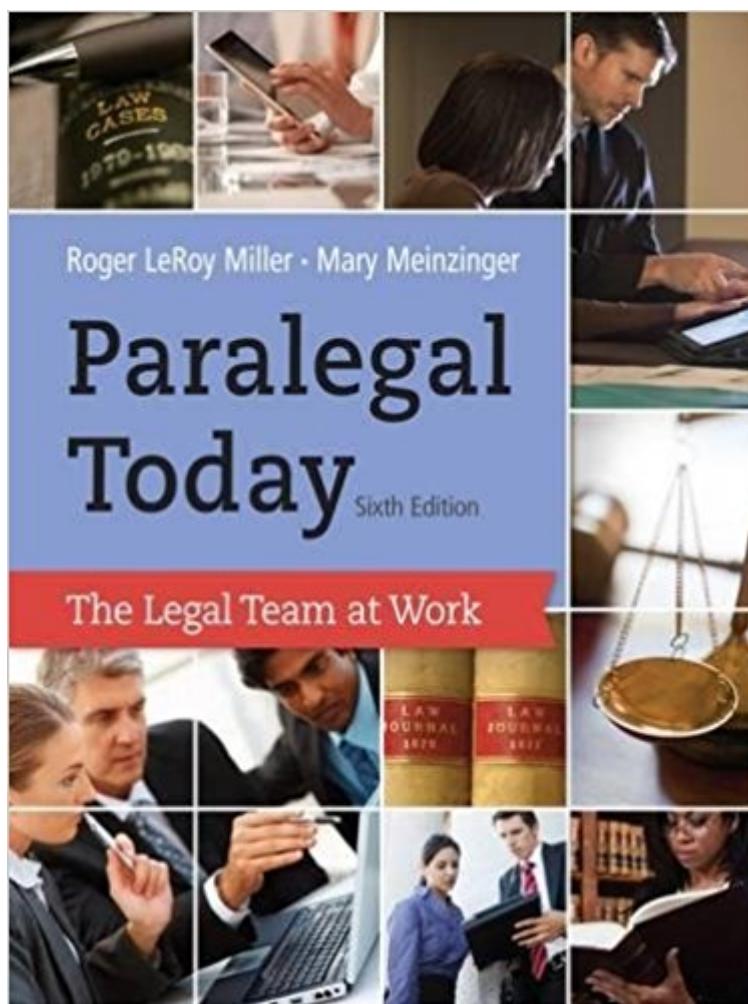


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I thought that this book was very informative. It introduced us, me and my classmates, to many aspects of law, not just the duties of a paralegal. The textbook covers guidelines for practicing legal assistants, branches of the state and federal court systems, how to read and write citations, which publications and websites paralegals need to use when employed in the field, a glossary, helpful hints provided by legal scholars and attorneys, the full US Constitution (including the amendments), diagrams, sample documents, and much more. "Paralegal Today" even included a 38 page SKILL PREP index, offering students suggestions about studying. I recommend this book for anyone whether you are pursuing a degree or certificate.

Great text book, very informative and gives a great overview of the law, court systems and procedures. This text book was used in my LEGL 1001 Introduction to paralegal studies and ethics course. A great book for every American to read if they want to have a better understanding of what the legal system and law office is about. The book also contains in the Appendix copies of NALA and NFPA code of ethics, and the U.S. Constitution. This is a book that you could keep throughout your legal studies, or trade / sell back too. This review was posted with four classes left in the course.

I recently enrolled in a ABA approved Paralegal Certification program at a local university, and we

were required to buy this book for a class. I was a little taken aback at the price first, but it is not as bad as some of the books I had to buy when I was an undergraduate majoring in Political Science (and our books were never as expensive as medical or science majors!) But I think this book is worth the price. The book is very easy to read and well organized into meaningful sections. One thing I noticed about this book in comparison to most other text books is that it gives you examples of tasks, salaries, and opinions of actual paralegals. Along with supplying you with knowledge of the law and court systems, the book tells you how to market yourself as a paralegal, how to negotiate salary and advance yourself even after you've certified as a paralegal/legal assistant. I found that to be a very refreshing aspect. Also, important definitions are clearly displayed in the margins, outlines are given for each chapter and test your knowledge questions are also available at the end of each chapter. The book also comes with a CD-ROM to further supplement the reading. All in all the book seems very relevant to today's paralegal professional and useful probably even after I finish classes and have begun work as a paralegal. My one minor complaint is that sometimes the writer(s) feel the need to give generic examples or long explanations for concepts that are easily understood. I'm not an educator, but I think this book is pretty excellent!

This is a great book. I've used another legal book by the same author and he does a wonderful job making difficult concepts easy to understand.

I rented this book for my Intro to Paralegal Studies class. I ended up purchasing a copy for myself because we weren't able to finish. I found the information invaluable for a strong foundation in paralegal studies.

I rented this book through my kindle. It was perfect for my class. I didn't have to carry around a heavy book and had all the information at my fingertips. The content of the book itself was a good overview of the paralegal field. I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in paralegal studies.

Awesome for first time students

I enjoy the format of the book a great deal. It offers a nice overview of the subject, with enough detail to give you a basic education on the topics covered. It suggests web sites to explore, which have been enjoyable and informative to browse. Also, it has a visually appealing layout. It comes

with a CD that has flash cards and quizzes, which I use, but I also use the free resources on the publishers web site for tougher quiz questions. I find studying a lot of fun with all these options. I would like to see some pronunciations for the Latin legal terms though.

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