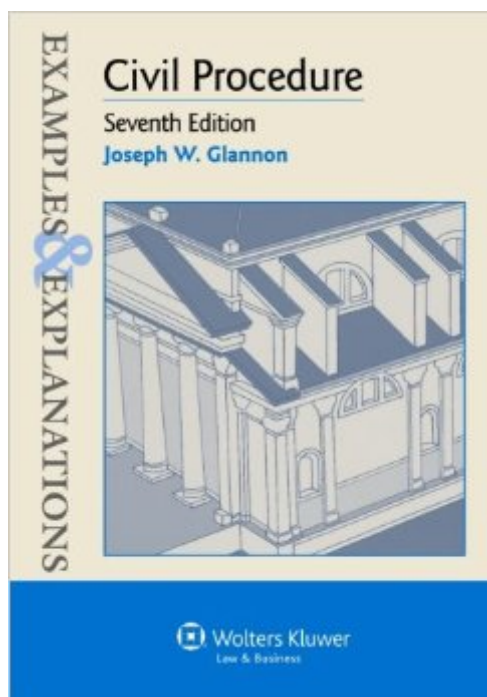


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I purchased this book to help me with my Civil Procedures course. I am a first year law student, and I am in an evening program. I work a regular job in Retail Bank Management, and juggle school, hobbies, and family, so my time is precious to me. I don't have time to spend sorting through supplements and slogging through information that seems to carry me further and further from understanding what I need to 1) have good input in class discussions, 2) not make a fool out of myself when called on randomly to discuss cases, and 3) do well on my exams. This supplement has been an incredible resource for me. As the first six weeks of class slipped by, I found myself feeling a little lost in Civil Procedures. Two weeks before the midterm I was floundering. I had briefed every assigned case, outlined course reading, and worked problems that our class tutor posted on TWEN. I was still slightly confused. Then I bought this book. Without doing all of the work, this would have never been useful to me. So please don't think that this supplement will be your "cliff's notes" for Civil Procedure. However, if you just need extra help, Glannon delivers like gang-busters. This book is well organized, easy to follow (once you have done your homework), and most of all it is effective. Having just taken the mid-term, I have nothing but rave reviews for how this book enhanced my preparation for that exam. Overall, I highly recommend this book.

My Civ Pro professor was the kind that knew so much about the subject that he couldn't tell you anything about it. The class was so hard to follow and I didn't even know how to begin teaching myself this subject. I bought this book hoping it would give me some guidance. It was AMAZING! Civ Pro seemed so easy and straight forward. Everything fell into place. I recommend this book to everyone. If you have ANY questions about Civil Procedure, buy this book. Sleep with it, eat with it, bring it with you everywhere. It's the best.

This book and several others are the gold standard for supplements in law school. And don't listen to what anyone says, reading these books is not somehow cheating yourself out learning information from the cases. Case-analysis is a vital skill but it's not what law school exams test you on. They test primarily how well you can synthesize information over the course of a semester and then apply that synthesized information to the analysis of a fact pattern in a four hour exam. The E&E series generally mimics this process very well, but the Glannon Civil Procedure book is heads above the rest. It's such a talisman for first year law students that anyone who advises against it should be regarded with grave suspicion.

This book is a necessity for anyone hoping to succeed in their civil procedure class. Before I read this book I couldn't tell an interpleader from an impleader, this book will even unravel the quagmire of the dreaded Erie doctrine. I could not recommend a book more strongly than I would recommend this one.

In deciding which Civil Procedure study-guide to purchase, I considered at least 5 other options, none of which are even in the same league as Glannon's "Examples and Explanations." Glannon's writing style is thorough, yet concise. He manages to convey an excellent understanding of the basic concepts and theoretical underpinnings of the rules and doctrines relevant to an introductory Civil Procedure course, without getting bogged down in the more trivial details of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure themselves. One word of caution: This book will be most helpful to students whose Civil Procedure professor is predominantly interested in theory and conceptual understanding as opposed to the minute details of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. For the latter type of class, Arthur Miller's study guide may be more appropriate.

While it may seem heretical in light of only glowing reviews to give Mr. Glannon anything shy of five stars, I must say that while this book is quite helpful for most law students, some may find it just a bit wanting in certain areas. Don't get me wrong: Glannon will help "explain" the basics as well as some of the more nuanced areas of civ pro; use of this book in conjunction with your casebook and class notes will definitely provide you with a sound understanding of this sometimes bafflingly obtuse subject. However, for one whose goal is to excel well beyond the pack, Glannon alone will not propel a student to get the coveted law-school "A+." The law of numbers alone dictates this result: Glannon is the most widely read civ pro supplements available - you will be getting nothing more than what pretty much all your classmates get. Your solution? An additional supplement. For me, it was Gene Shreve's fantastic "Understanding Civil Procedure" - a more dense, but extremely tightly packed supplement. Everything you should know for civ pro, + a little more is in Shreve. To summarize, get Glannon for the basic explanation; get Shreve for the edge. Glannon is great if you've got some time on your hands to digest the examples; Shreve is great if you've got the basics down and want to attain insight beyond most of the competition.

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