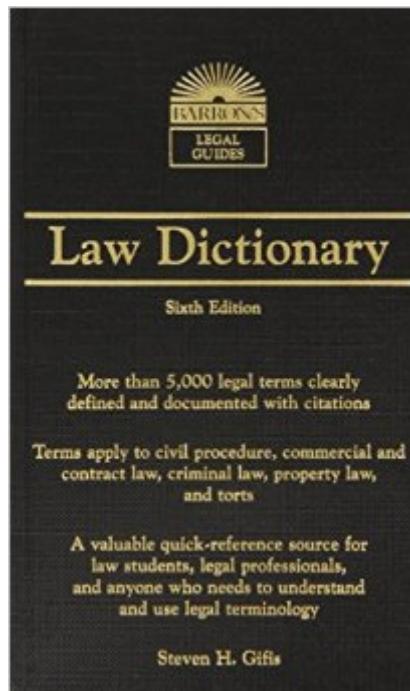


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I sampled three popular law dictionaries for Kindle (1) Law Dictionary, (Mass Market) 6th Ed. (Barron's Legal Guides) , (2) Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Law, and (3) Nolo's Plain-English Law Dictionary. By far, the best I'd seen is Barron's. Among other things, instant search is enabled, and there are hotlinks to related terms. Webster's is next (it's got hotlinks, but shows only one definition per page). Nolo is the worst; it's like all they did was convert the text. Major problem with Barron's: can't search by keywords. Searches bring up index entries only.

Over 5,000 legal terms are defined and documented with citations in this handy pocket guide to law, a top pick for any law student, legal professional, or general lending library. Its take-along tote format makes it most accessible and handy while the definitions are clearly written.

A Law Dictionary is absolutely necessary if you study law or you work in the area of law or have anything to do with law. This book is outstanding in understanding terms which otherwise would be Greek to me. Law terms take on new meanings when you understand what is really being said. One word can have nine different concepts and this Law Dictionary will make sure you understand each of those different concepts. This is an excellent reference and a total necessity if you are involved in the study of work in the area of law.

Now I don't usually write reviews but for this I have to. I literally just received my law dictionary, on a Sunday. So here is my story. I am a criminal justice major taking penal law and unfortunately penal law is like a totally different language. Anyway this past Friday I started to try and get familiar with my penal law book and found it to be outright frustrating so I grabbed good old Webster and tried again. But had to read up to 6 different definitions to find the right one. Oh this just won't do I thought even more annoyed. So I started my hunt, and my goodness you won't believe how many law dictionaries you can find on. I read reviews, product information and even googled to help me pick. I was nervous because like another reviewer somewhere said the language of the law changes often and I couldn't afford a \$60 brand new up to date dictionary let alone carry it with me every day those things are heavy. Then I found cheap ones published in 98 or 96 and thought a lot has changed in 20 years I mean selfie is now a word in the dictionary. **EVEN LONGER STORY**  
**SHORT...** Then I found this one. Yes it's 5 years old and less than 600 pages long but it's a goodie. It's small, light weight, easy to read, it may not have every single legal word and term but it's a good start... and so far I was able to look up about half a dozen words so like I said it's a good start. If you're like me low on cash need a good beginner law dictionary fast and really nervous about buying one published in 98. I recommend this one with prime UPS delivery ordering it Friday night with an expected delivery date of Tuesday then you might be surprised with it on Sunday morning. Really does exceed my expectations.

This was an invaluable volume for helping me get through law school, and the bar exam. The compact size was really very important: I could (and did) carry it around with me everywhere, in the days before e-books were an option. It continues to be my first choice 20 years after graduating law school. In short, if you need a definition for citation purposes, you probably will (and should) use Black's Law Dictionary. But in order to understand the actual terms, use this volume. For anyone buying a law dictionary for those going to law school (admittedly, a dwindling number), Black's is the

more spectacular gift. This Barron's dictionary, however, will be the more useful of the two

I wanted to provide a graduating undergraduate mentee with practical resources for law school as a graduation gift. I ordered this and The Bluebook. While she hasn't yet used either book, as a law professor, I am confident she will get good use out of both. While I am a fan of Black's Law Dictionary, it is not a practical resource for a law student on the go. This is a fictional resource for that use.

Every law student needs a copy of this book. I keep it in my backpack and probably use it every day, if not to look up a word/phrase for the first time but to reinforce my understanding of certain concepts. (I'm a 1L at the moment.) Also, some professors at my University do not allow electronics in their classroom; I am able to look up concepts that most can't because they can not get online!

I gave this dictionary as a gift. She was so pleased with the size of the print and how easy it was to use. I received the book in excellent time and shape. In fact so pleased I am ordering one for myself.

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