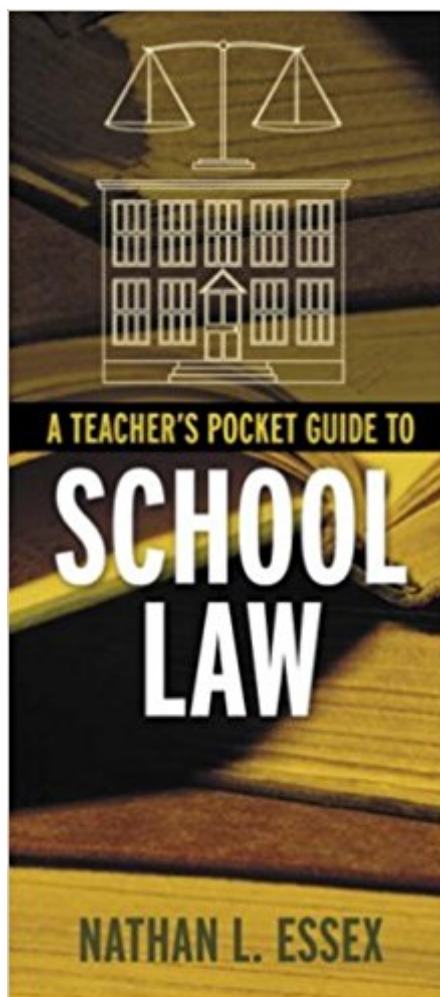


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# A Teacher's Pocket Guide To School Law



## Synopsis

This is a very concise, easy to read, reference to critical aspects of school law for any pre-service or in-service teacher. It can be used to discuss current legal issues in public schools, as a basic text or a supplemental text. The text is formatted to allow for flexible teaching strategies including lectures, discussion, debates, case studies, and case analysis. As a professor of teacher education, do you want a resource that responds to contemporary legal problems pre-service teachers will face in their profession? Do you want a text that provides well crafted guides to assist prospective teachers to resolve legal issues and reduce their chances of facing law suits? You will find this text to be practical, informative, easy to understand, entertaining, and extremely useful for teacher educators of the 21st century.

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"I have been teaching law for seven years, and [A Teacher's Pocket Guide to School Law] is the most 'user-friendly' presentation of law that I have used." -- Leslie Jones Nicholls

State University "This textbook provides a very succinct review of school law and how important issues in schools have historically as well as currently been decided. Students find it easy to find information for review or to expand their knowledge of school law." -- Sharron

Lawrence, Weatherford College --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

&#147;This book covers several topics that have not been included in past law books. We will need

to address these issues as we move forward in this new time. This book gives the reader a clear guide to issues which is very helpful. Sherion Jackson, Texas A&M University, Commerce

As a teacher, do you need a resource that responds to contemporary legal problems you will face in the profession? Do you want a text that provides well crafted guides to assist prospective teachers to resolve legal issues and reduce their chances of facing law suits? You will find this guide to be practical, informative, easy to understand, entertaining, and extremely useful for teacher educators of the 21st century. This guide can be used to examine and stay current with legal issues in public schools, as a basic reference or a supplemental text, and is formatted to allow for easy reference and use.

**FEATURES:** The book is concise, practical and readable. Readers will better understand concepts discussed because all legal jargon is removed. The book covers contemporary legal issues such as IDEA 2004, school uniforms, school vouchers, charter schools, zero tolerance, school gangs, pagers and cell phones, use of metal detectors, Internet use, No Child Left Behind, intellectual property and sexual harassment so that teachers can respond to current issues/challenges they will face in public schools (Chs. 3 & 4). Current concerns such as the most recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on the pledge of allegiance; The Newdow case; are addressed. This case provides details of how educators should handle pledge of allegiance issues in schools (Ch. 2). Package this text with MyLabSchool; a powerful set of online tools that bring the classroom to life! Visit [www.mylabschool.com](http://www.mylabschool.com) for more information!

As others have said, this is an excellent book. I picked it as a quick reference/study guide for my Education Law class. Law has always been interesting for me, but I don't get much use out of books that say things like 'X decision rendered in (year) was a landmark, upholding X principle (insert legal jargon).' A couple of my roommates in college were law students, and I understand that junk, because I helped them study sometimes, and we talked about interesting cases they were studying, etc. BUT, when I sit down to read about it, that's not what I want to know. I want to know what the court fight was about, what the court decision was, what it means, and how it affects my school and the classroom. That's exactly what Essex does in this book. Most chapters are around 10-15 pages long, cover approximately 5 essential concepts or factors, including all the major cases or a description of the key ideas, identify which law is relevant (usually state or federal, though district or school board policies often come into play), a summary of the key players, roles, principles, or components of the concept being discussed. If an actual court case is discussed, it ends with a summary of the argument, the courts' decisions, and the final result. And each 1-3 page section finishes with a brief 'Guide' which provides a list of important things to consider, when addressing

the policy or issue covered (Essex is usually very conservative with his recommendations, but at least you have an idea what needs to be considered). It also includes handy things like a good index, a separate list of all the court cases discussed, appendices that include relevant sections of the Constitution, selected federal statutes, and descriptions of major organizations and how they can impact a teacher. And finally, Essex is a good writer who makes the topics interesting by minimizing the jargon and focusing on why things are important. Several times, I've found myself reading for a while, after I looked something up, just because he makes stuff interesting.

An excellent resource for teachers and administration alike. It provides mini overviews of law school Personnel need to know. It gives lots and lots of examples. Small and compact, this is a wonderful addition to have when researching School law.

The Pocket Guide is an excellent, affordable resource for all administrators as well as teachers. It is easy to use and offers guidelines to stay out legal difficulties. The price is right and content parallels his textbook "School Law and the Public Schools".

As a citezen I also need to know the rules and law so thank you, Thank you so much to this one.

This book was required for a class. I like that it is a pocket guide, however the text is pretty small! Overall, though I guess that's what you get from a pocket guide!

This was a required text for a masters level class. It's an easy read and well organized.

This book is awesome. It gives clear explanations to real-life situations teachers will have to face during practice. The "Dos and Don'ts" section is a great conclusion at the end of each section. I wish there was a Connecticut School Law pocket guide!

On point! No nonsense writing, straight to the point concerning public school system and laws. This one is a keeper!

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