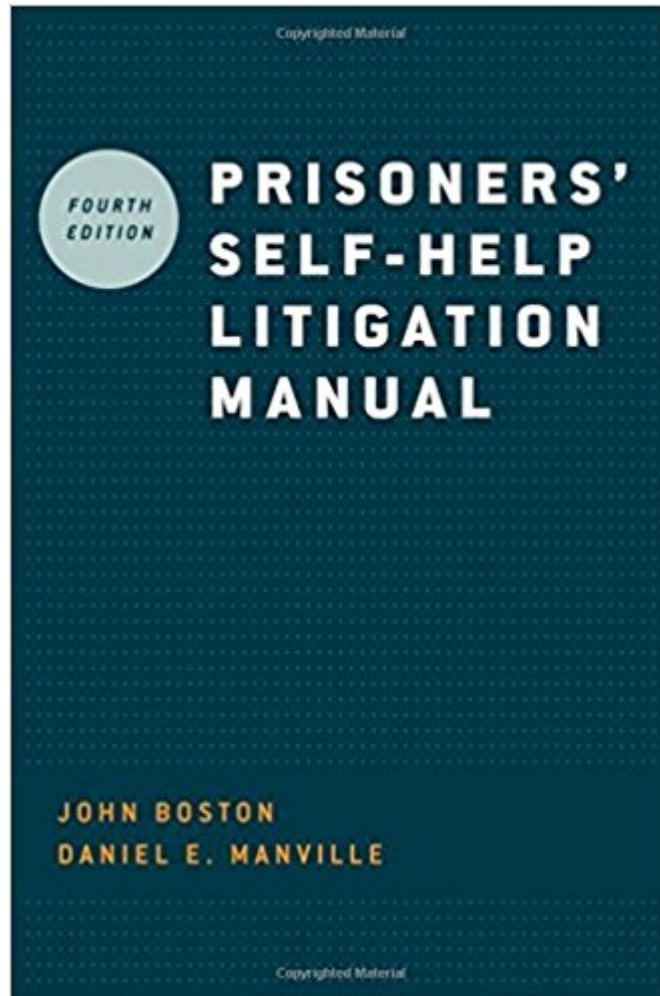




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Synopsis

Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual, in its much-anticipated fourth edition, is an indispensable guide for prisoners and prisoner advocates seeking to understand the rights guaranteed to prisoners by law and how to protect those rights. Clear, comprehensive, practical advice provides prisoners with everything they need to know on conditions of confinement, civil liberties in prison, procedural due process, the legal system, how to litigate, conducting effective legal research, and writing legal documents. Written by two legal and penitentiary experts with intimate knowledge of prisoner's rights and legal aid work, authors John Boston and Daniel E. Manville strategically focus on federal constitutional law, providing prisoners and those wishing to assist them with the most important information concerning legal rights. Over the past decade, prison law and conditions have changed significantly. This new edition is updated to include the most relevant prisoners' rights topics and approaches to litigation. Updates include all aspects of prison life as well as material on legal research, legal writing, types of legal remedies, and how to effectively use those remedies. Certainly the most authoritative, well-organized and relevant prisoner's rights manual available - - the eagerly awaited fourth edition should be purchased by everyone interested in civil rights for the incarcerated.

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"In the many years I have worked with people facing or serving capital and Life sentences, I have experienced their frustration at their own inability to take charge of their cases and/ or their grievances...they lack the skills and the access to good law libraries. The Prisoners' Self-Help

Litigation Manual, available for more than 25 years but recently updated, takes on the task of providing prisoners with the tools to handle their legal needs. It explains the pertinent law, shows them what they need to do to litigate an issue, and provides them with resources for help. As a self-trained professional in this field, I also found it extremely helpful. I truly believe that defense teams, advocates, and family members of the incarcerated should do their best to see that clients and loved ones have this important resource. And they should buy one for themselves!" --Claudia Whitman Director, National Death Row Assistance Network of CURE

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This is more than I expected! Wonderful reference.

My Loved one thought this book was great!!! I highly recommend it as a gift for anyone that's been incarcerated.

This book takes you to the world of the incarceration and how to litigate. I must say it is an excellent resource guide, whether you are a felon or a correctional officer it helps understand the prison system in Layman's terms!

This book was asked for, and purchased for a friend. I am hoping it's everything the wanted.

A must have for anyone working with prisoners or with loved ones that are incarcerated.

This book is a must have for those involved in prisoner litigation. Teaches the elements of various claims, proof you will need, sample pleadings, and pitfalls to avoid. This book can greatly reduce frivolous prisoner lawsuits, while making sure their rights are protected.

This book was purchased for a County Detention Center. It was primarily purchased for pro-se inmates that choose to represent themselves. I only read parts of it, however what little I did read appeared to be very well written. Another good reason for purchasing this manual was due to the fact that it was strongly recommended by the ACLU.

This book would be helpful for someone who is in the prison system who is advocating for their rights.

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