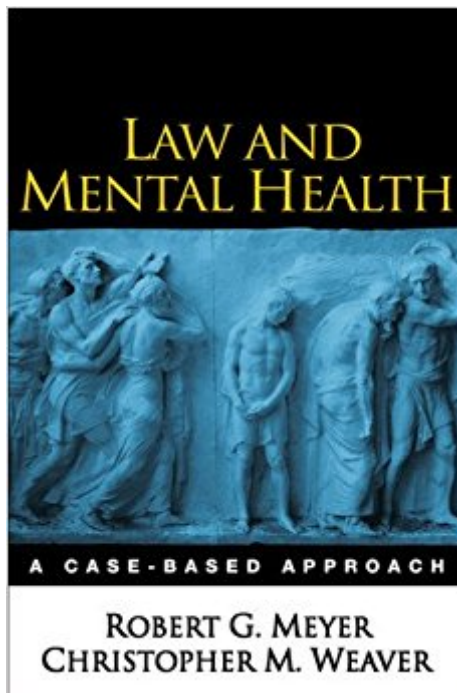


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# Law And Mental Health: A Case-Based Approach



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practitioners will also benefit from reading these fascinating cases."/m-/Robert G. Madden, LCSW, JD, Department of Social Work, Saint Joseph College"

Meyer and Weaver have authored a unique book, one that actually makes reading and reviewing case law both interesting and memorable. Landmark cases are described in sufficient detail in a style that is readable and, at times, humorous. Classic cases are included, along with more recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. This important text is a 'must' for forensic psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers who conduct forensic mental health assessments; for those preparing for board certification examinations; and for advanced graduate students in psychology and law courses."--Alan M. Goldstein, PhD, board-certified forensic psychologist, Department of Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice"

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reference, even for advanced practitioners in the field." (PsycCRITIQUES 2005-12-17)

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The intersection of law and mental health is--in my biased opinion--the coolest topic imaginable because it is where the rubber hits the road with these two epistemologically-divergent fields, each of which are trying to address the same underlying, core issue: problematic human behavior. The result of this intellectual tango between law and mental health are trailblazing legal decisions about real people with mental frailties, essentially representing the pulse of society's capacity to deal with its most vulnerable and exploitive members. Is there anything else more fascinating than that? I don't think so. Overall, this book kicks ass. Perhaps these skilled authors will eventually provide us with an update, since the knowledge base is constantly growing and morphing into something different.

A case-based approach textbook that provides informative literature pertaining to current and past laws surrounding the mental health field and mental illnesses.

Awesome used book...

i must say that i'm quit impressed as i received the package sent to my door...the moment i opened each page, it has enriched my knowledge of law even more sharp....i would recommend more people purchasing this book and find it helpful to understand the perspectives of law and psychology

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