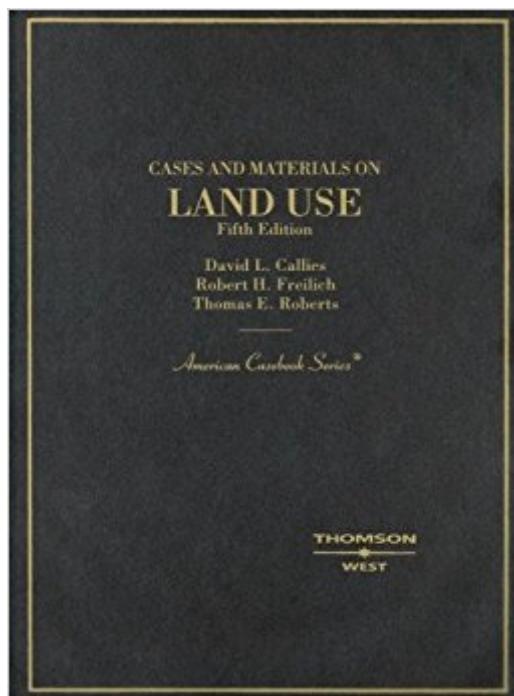


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This is a great text to study land use decisions for lawyers, developers, real estate professionals,

planners, etc. There are more than enough chapters to fill out a full semester while dropping a few themes. The insights are great. For somebody wanting the full case knowledge, though, you might want to search out the actual cases. The authors do a good job at selecting the pertinent text from cases but they sometimes leave out parts that might be helpful for particular audiences. Overall, it hits the most important cases and should serve as a valuable reference.

Overall, this book presented a pretty good overview of land use planning. I used it in conjunction with a land use class, so I did not have much of a choice but to purchase the book. However, everything was laid out nicely with relevant notes. This is probably one of the better texts you will get for this subject.

I am using this book for my Legal Aspects of Land Use course. It offers all of the most relevant cases affecting land use in the United States including recent ones. I also like that it provides analytical notes to help the reader understand the significance of each case.

The book appears to cover all of the topics in land use law (in the US) from historical overview to recent cases on environmental topics. The text would be easier to read if the font used for the cases was different (or different size) from the discussion/notes provided by the authors. Sometimes the authors' opinions seem to blur with the opinions/commentary of the cases, especially when trying to read pages and pages fast and late at night.

I give the book a 9 out of 10 only because it needs updating. The fields of zoning and land use change daily. In the four years which I have used this book in graduate courses in land use law, many new issues have arisen and new cases have been decided. However, the book is still the best single volume on the topic and should be required reading for all zoning and land use professionals.

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