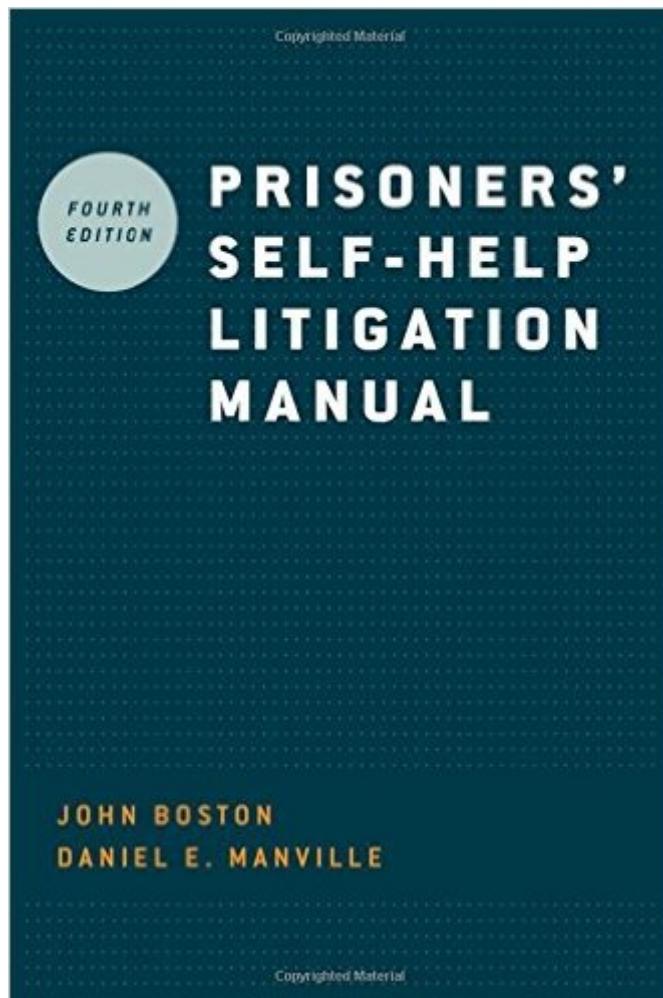


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# Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual



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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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On most days I can be found in my prison's law library helping others either litigate their criminal cases or file grievances (and lawsuits) against the Federal Bureau of Prisons. For a long time the way to learn how to do this was to attach yourself to a knowledgeable fellow jailhouse lawyer and to

go through an informal apprenticeship period. Then came along the "Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual." Now in its fourth edition, this amazing text helps prisoners understand what their rights are, what exactly constitutes a violation of their rights, and how to enforce violations of their rights in a court of law. Sadly, most prison law libraries only contain the very basics, whatever is required by law to stock. This means massive volumes of case law, a law dictionary, and, God willing, a few decent legal primers, which would have been donated by fellow prisoners, if there at all. Modern legal research tools like electronic law libraries, Westlaw, and LexisNexis are almost unheard of in state prison systems. And this greatly harms prison litigants. The "Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual" acts like a complete law library, but all in one book (one that can be studied even in a prison cell). This book contains it all: An Introduction to State Law, How to Retain a Lawyer, The Rights of Prisoners, Conditions of Confinement, Civil Liberties in Prison, Procedural Due Process, Equal Protection of the Law, Pretrial Detainees' Rights, An Overview of the Legal System, Actions, Defenses, and Relief, The Prison Litigation Reform Act, How to Litigate, Legal Research, Writing Legal Documents, And much more.

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