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Legal Guide To Web & Software Development (book With CD-Rom)





Synopsis

Protect your rights, and your hard work! The laws covering website and software development are complex and confusing, but if you don't untangle them, it could cost you thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees and lawsuits. Fortunately, Legal Guide to Web & Software Development decodes this complex area of the law, thoroughly and in reader-friendly English. It also provides contracts, agreements and legal forms on CD-ROM, with step-by-step instructions for filling them out, so you can protect your software and website without paying a lawyer's ransom. Use Legal Guide to Web & Software Development to learn: what kind of legal protection you need the strengths and limitations of each type of protection how to avoid infringement which provisions you need when drafting an agreement how to obtain permission to use other people's materials You'll find complete, step-by-step instructions to draft: employment agreements contractor and consultant agreements development is completely updated to provide the latest case law and statutory revisions.

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I needed to write up a web-development contract as an independent contractor. Previously, I had used bits and pieces of other contracts but never quite knew what some of the paragraphs meant. A colleague recommended this book, I bought it and have not regretted it. One of the biggest helps is the author explains the meaning of every paragraph of the contract and makes recommendations in your favor. I finally wrote a contract that I understood and was comfortable handing to the client. And what's even better is they signed it without any changes! I just copied the legal agreements directly from the CD-ROM, modified them to suit the context and sent it off. Also explains the need to register copyrights, and legal stuff related to web sites.

I purchased the ebook edition of this book. I assumed there would be a link in the book for downloading the cdrom contents but couldn't find one. Considering the ebook costs about the same as the dead trees version, I should have purchased that one.

This book really helped me understand my options to protect my software projects. It probably saved me thousands of dollars in legal fees by helping me to understand what it was I wanted before I ever called an attorney, and helped me figure out what attorney was best suited for my needs. It does a very good job of walking you through the steps you need to follow if, like me, you're just starting out and need to do the ground work your self. I found it easy to read and comprehend, but what I liked best about it, was that it is written in modules. You don't have to read the whole book, just the parts that pertain to what you need to do now. I was able to quickly skim the book and plan for the copyrights I need in the future, but I don't ever anticipate reading it from cover to cover. The only negative thing I found was the forms on media CD. It's not that it's bad, just not complete. I found better forms on the web.

This text provides a strong introduction to intellectual property law, focusing on the software industry. The concepts are explained clearly and concisely. The accompanying CD contains sample documents which the reader may use as a basis for intellectual property contracts--e.g. non-disclosure agreements. If you know nothing about the law, and need to understand intellectual property quickly, this is the text for you.

Had to buy this for an E-Commerce class I'm taking in law school -- I guess it was the closest thing to a textbook the professor could find. Very useful and straightforward.

This guide provides little in the way of guidance unless you are producing shrink-wrap software. The web portion of the book is already outdated and not useful for today's SAAS world.

Like the people above, I needed this for my own web development business as well as a textbook for a class. I'm glad this was the book selected for that class. It's very clear on the various aspects of law and technology. I highly recommend this book for someone that is going into some type of business in web or software development.

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