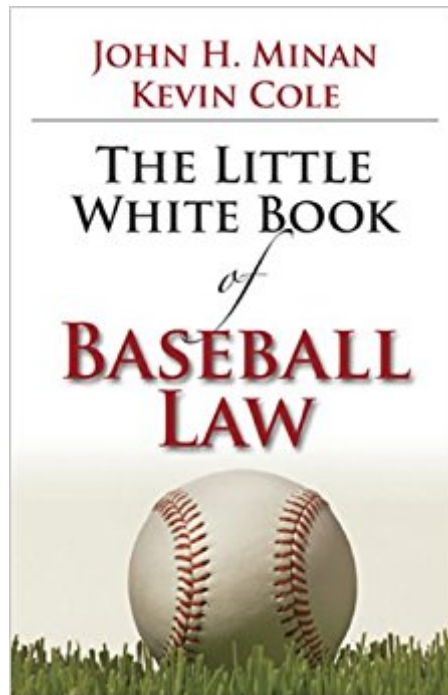




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# The Little Book Of Baseball Law (ABA Little Books Series)



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The game of baseball has often resulted in brawls, both on the field and in the courtroom, and from the 1890's on, much of what baseball is today has been shaped by the law. In eighteen chapters, this eye-opening book discusses cases that involved rules of the game, new stadium construction, ownership of baseball memorabilia, injured spectators, television contracts, and much more.

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Honestly I bought this book thinking on a BASEBALL Law book, but I was surprised on how interesting it is. It has real legal facts and cases that has happened in baseball. Easy to read (I finished it in one afternoon - watching a game ..)

The Little White Book of Baseball Law is well worth the price. The authors, John H. Minan and Kevin Cole, have blended 226 pages of fascinating legal disputes from baseball's history with an examination of some of the more arcane rules in baseball. This lawyer/reader, as an 11 year old Cleveland Indians fan, without a television, began my love of baseball around the time I "heard" Willie Mays' famous over the head catch in the 1954 World Series. The Little White Book of Baseball Law more than satisfied my 55 year quest to understand everything worthy that America's pastime could bring to our culture. The depth and breadth of The Little White Book of Baseball Law is commendable. The eighteen chapter subjects range from Sammy Sosa's corked bat incident in 2003, to the perjury allegations against Barry Bonds derived from his Grand Jury testimony. There is

an explanation of when, why, and if, Media corporations televising Major League Baseball can preempt Major League Baseball games. Virtually every page has a tidbit of information that even the most dedicated fan will appreciate. Perhaps the most interesting literary device in the Book is the "Umpire's Ruling" segment that follows each chapter explaining a pertinent legal issue of the game in concise lay person's terms. What happens when a pitched ball is stuck in the catcher's mask? What are the rules for "balks"? When is a catch a legal "catch"? Who is liable for injuries on and off the field, and on the way to the hospital? What are the merits of metal bats versus wooden bats? The reader will discover that a ball hit by a metal bat will travel at a speed of more than 100 miles per hour (mph) over 40% of time and arrive at the pitchers mound in less than .4 of a second, a shade faster than the average ball hit by a wooden bat, therefore reducing the reaction time of a pitcher finishing up his pitch. The most interesting chapter for me was the concise explanation of the positive impact of Curt Flood's unsuccessful legal battle on the reserve clause in the Federal Courts, which ultimately became the catalyst for the "Curt Flood Act" in which Congress included major league baseball players' "employment" contracts within the protections of the antitrust laws, but did not provide minor league players with the same protection in order to preserve the Minor League farm system. As Tip O'Neil once said "Everything is political". Apparently, even in Baseball. This is a good read!

My wife purchased this book for me as a Birthday Gift and I cannot sum it up any better than stating "Professor Minan hit this one out of the park!". After falling in love with the Professor's first book in this series "The Little Green Book of Golf Law", I couldn't wait to start this one. The sequel surely does not disappoint the baseball purist. I challenge Professor Minan to come up with his next installment in the international realm of "football" -- surely there are great international legal cases that would entertain us from continent to continent! Bravo Professor!

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