# The Essentials Of California Mental Health Law: A Straightforward Guide For Clinicians Of All Disciplines (The Essentials Of Series) 



## Synopsis

This series arose from Stephen Behnke's experience teaching psychiatric residents, psychology interns, and social work students at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. Trainees consistently mentioned how helpful it was to have laws relevant to their clinical practice explained in a way that removed the mystery and anxiety associated with lawyers, courts, and judges. Each volume in the series sets forth, in a clear, straightforward, and user-friendly manner, pertinent legislation and court cases, covering why the law was written, what the law says, and how the law affects clinical practice.

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I work in a state mental hospital and I found this book to be a little on the basic side. Also its a little old so things like HIPAA are not covered because this was written before that was implemented. Despite that this is a nice basic guide for clinicians just starting out in the mental health field or a state mental hospital

Good book and in good condition.

I bought this book to study for my MFT exam in California and the information was relevant, and i succesfully passed the exam!

Product came exactly as described, thank you for an accurate description and a product of such great value. Even if it is old it is well maintained and nearly perfect.
this is book is "used" but it is in perfect shape!! i love my results, i highly recommend!!!!!!

This book is a detailed guide to the Mental Health Law of California. It elaborates in lucid fashion the details of the law including the role and responsibilities of physicians for commitment of the mentally ill. It makes clear the situations where the physician can and cannot act.It is a useful resource for physicians and mental health workers who care for patients IN CALIFORNIA.

Useful book. Written in easy to read and understand language for those of us who do not enjoy wading through otherwise dull and dry text of legal and ethical codes. In each chapter the authors respond to questions posed with thoughtful and clear responses. A part II of this text would be great and I for one, would purchase it if it were in the same format.

This text clearly and concisely covers the most critical and challenging aspects of California mental health law. No legalese or unusual jargon, just common sense answers to your most frequently asked questions. I used this text to prepare for the CJPEE and I could not recommend it more highly. It's an interesting read and very helpful to the practicing therapist.

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