

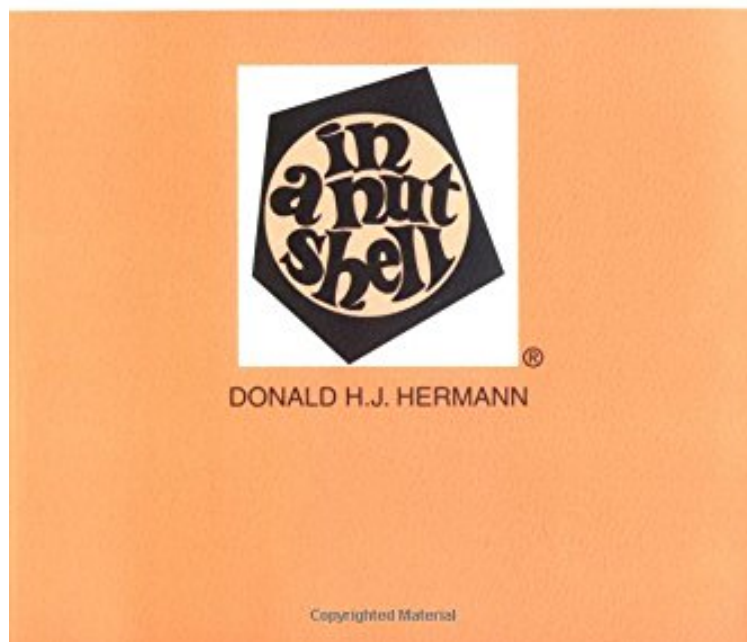
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Donald H.J. Hermann : Mental Health and Disability Law in a Nutshell (Nutshells) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mental Health and Disability Law in a Nutshell (Nutshells):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pretty good, but needs an update; watch for few key errors! By Derek Grimmell So far, about 2/3 of the way through, I'm finding this is a succinct and thorough source for coverage of the junction between psychology and law. Covering civil, criminal, and administrative issues, the book is well-organized,

presents the key cases and holdings, and has very few gaps. Two issues. First, it's getting old. The whole book was written before *Sell v US*, which adds significantly to the law of involuntary medication of defendants, and before *Kansas v Hendricks*, the seminal case in civil commitment of sex offenders. It's due for an update, West. Second, I found a few errors that render this NOT the only book on which you should rely. For example, while reviewing competency to stand trial, the book gives the *Wilson v US* criteria for determining whether amnesia renders a defendant incompetent, but incorrectly attributes them to *Drope v Missouri*. So overall, this is a good solid review with a few caveats and missing text, but I'm still glad I bought it.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful for law school class

By Devin Rourke I took a class on Mental Health Law this semester in law school and there were very few supplemental tools available to help me study. This book didn't line up completely with my class, but there was enough overlap that I found it very helpful. Covers everything from civil commitment to insanity pleas to right to treatment. I think it helped me do well in the class.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A lifesaver- but a bit out of date

By Katie Floyd This book was a lifesaver when it came to preparing for final exams. A very nice summary that hits all the major topics in Mental Health law. My only complaint is that it hasn't been updated since '97. So although most of the information is still accurate, it doesn't cover any of the more-recent developments in the law. Either way, if you're struggling in a course, it's a great tool to have- just be aware that it was published in 1997, but I've looked and this was the best option I could find.

Expert coverage deals with civil commitment, as well as hearings to determine fitness for trial or execution. Examines criminal defenses and sentencing as they relate to the mental capacity of defendants. Overviews categories of mental health professionals, including the scope of their work, licensing, and discipline. Discusses the major psychiatric disorders. Clinical psychiatric evidence is examined, including a review of admissibility of evidence, qualifying experts, and establishing a basis for clinical opinion. Medical malpractice and negligence are also examined.