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This book helped me understand Civil Procedure so much more than my actual professor. Freer breaks down every relevant topic for any 1L Civil Procedure class. He not only hits on all the important points but talks about them in an easy and accessible format. I probably would have failed Civ Pro if not for this book. Highly recommend.

Freer’s treatise is the bee’s knees. This volume could not be clearer or better laid out. Helpfully included are hints at approaching the exam, including excellent battle plans for personal jurisdiction and Erie. Sure, the Glannon E&E is great for hypos, but this volume should really be used for learning substantive law and policy: think Chemerinsky for CivPro. A word of warning: Freer is not shy about including his opinions about certain decisions, and your professor may disagree with them. This isn’t to say that his views stray from the mainstream, but he does take sides. No need to worry though: he always lets you know when this occurs; disclosing those issues where you should especially follow your professor’s lead.

If it’s Civil Procedure, you can’t go wrong with Richard Freer. This book is phenomenal, in addition to the material being presented in a way that’s very readable and understandable, the Author provides a mode of attack for the exam - or better stated, a suggested way to analyze each topic. Between this book, his Barbri lectures and E&E’s for practice questions, I basically only use my casebook in class and that’s only because I paid so much for the darn thing that I figure I better get some use out of it. I am not proud of my innate ability to procrastinate sometimes, but I studied for a subject matter jurisdiction quiz on Civil Procedure the night before and all I used was this book. I passed the exam with ease. Sometimes law school takes the scenic route to teach concepts, this book along with the other Richard Freer items I mentioned take you straight there. I prefer the straightforward approach to studying, I don’t have time to beat around the bush.

I’ve been using forever and I’ve bought countless items, but this is actually the first review I am writing. This book is that good. In typical nervous 1L fashion, I bought way too many supplements including 4 for civil procedure. This book blew all the others one out of the water. The E&E was helpful for hypos, but this is the book that actually taught me the substance of the course in depth. Plus it was much more of a pleasant read and more helpful than the Friedenthal hornbook (super dry). I’m really surprised that this book isn’t better known. Thank God my friend stumbled across it and recommended it to me. My study group used it together and we all agreed that this was the best supplement by far, and we were pleasantly surprised when our final contained a policy question that
Freer had explained in detail in the book. Two thumbs up!

Received in great condition. Had a minor in dentin on the cover, but I attribute that to shipping. I love this book. I believe the author also does lectures for Barbri, and everything I've read by him has been very useful. The book doesn’t have to be read in chapter order to be comprehensive; unlike other textbooks, the author makes sure to give succinct and informative references to other chapters so that you don’t have to find the relevant information yourself before you can move forward with what you need to know now.

As a 1L preparing for finals next week, Freer’s Civil Procedure has been absolutely essential. I’ve tried many supplements to help with civil procedure. I’ve looked at the E&E, the big friedenthal treatise, the glannon guide, and acing civ pro. Freer’s is the best (although I also recommend Acing Civ Pro to help make your checklists). It seems that Freer really aimed this book directly at law students. So while it is an excellent, formally written treatise, he also points what issues are likely to come up on exams, and there are frequently practice problems within the text. I've learned all of Civ Pro (throughly!) in less than a week.

Forget your textbook and cases. This is the best treatise I've ever read with regards to laying out substantive black letter law AS WELL AS absolutely fantastic examples. Frankly, this book saves my rear. Highly recommend.

Any law student in civil procedure must go out and buy this book. It will make your first year so much easier if you put in the time to read this supplement while topics are being discussed in class. Don’t wait until finals to start reading the book. If you start at the beginning of class, you’ll be infinitely more familiar with the topics by the end of the course which will allow you to then practice exam questions and hypos.

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