Alaska Natives And American Laws: Third Edition

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Synopsis

Now in its third edition, Alaska Natives and American Laws is still the only work of its kind, canvassing federal law and its history as applied to the indigenous peoples of Alaska. Covering 1867 through 2011, the authors offer lucid explanations of the often-tangled history of policy and law as applied to Alaska’s first peoples. Divided conceptually into four broad themes of indigenous rights to land, subsistence, services, and sovereignty, the book offers a thorough and balanced analysis of the evolution of these rights in the forty-ninth state. This third edition brings the volume fully up to date, with consideration of the broader evolution of indigenous rights in international law and recent developments on the ground in Alaska.

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Customer Reviews

I have not finished this book. I purchased it to help me research US Dept. of Interior buy back of Alaska Native allotment lands. The "restricted" Native allotments are not supposed to be sold outside the Native family, only handed down through inheritance. Furthermore, much of the land is very remote and not monetarily viable in a normal real estate markets. Dept. of Interior tells Alaska Native families they will buy the land that was granted to their fathers & grandfathers and of course our federal Government is the only possible buyer of this land, that is in most cases hunting & fishing land close to their village. This is obviously the "white man" continuing to take Native land.....things never change, do they. Once these lands are gone from that family and the money spent, there is nothing left out there in the village except your IHS [Federal] house and some welfare. Anyway, sorry about the venting, so far this book is very helpful in understanding the
"American' laws that lead up to this modern day version of "stealing the Indians land".

"Far from being a mere legal reference guide or hornbook, Alaska Natives and American Laws is essential reading for anyone in business, government or civic life who is interested in contemporary Alaska. * * * The opening chapter is a shining example of the authors’ ability to smoothly blend law and application. * * * It is a model of cogent and persuasive writing and analysis. * * * The authors bring order and coherence to that uniquely Alaskan legal landscape that can be dauntingly complex, if not obscure, even to the most seasoned practitioners and policy makers. * * * If Alaska Natives and American Laws had not existed it would have been necessary for someone to invent it . . . . Happily for the rest of us, just two distinguished experts-- David Case and David Voluck-- have rendered this invaluable national public service." Troy A. Eid, 30 AK. L. Rev. 223 (December 2013)

This is a comprehensive source for the laws affecting Alaska Natives. It’s up to date and also a wonderful source of historical material.

Great explanation of the intricacies of tribal law as it pertains to Alaska. Complicated and involved intellectual assessment...not for the uninitiated.

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