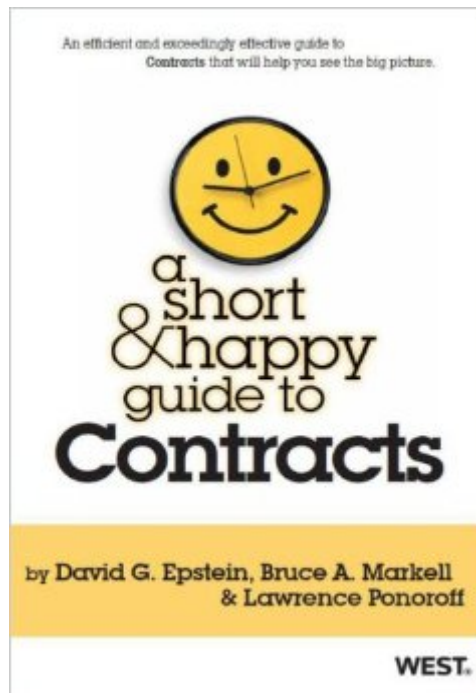


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# Epstein, Markell And Ponoroff's A Short And Happy Guide To Contracts (Short And Happy Series)



## Synopsis

This efficient and exceedingly effective guide to contracts will help you see the big picture. The authors focus on making the key concepts of contract law, and the relationship among those concepts, easier to understand and retain. They have also infused the book with humor, believing there is nothing inconsistent between a rigorous academic experience and having a little fun. Each author is a nationally-renowned law teacher who has taught contracts for decades. Based on that experience, they set forth understandable techniques for mastering the law that governs every critical aspect of the contract relationship, including, contract formation (offer and acceptance), enforcement (consideration and defenses), interpretation, performance, breach, and remedies. Learn more about this series at [ShortandHappyGuides.com](http://ShortandHappyGuides.com).

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## Customer Reviews

I purchased this about a week ago for a contracts exam next week. It has been great. It is a brief, straight to the point, no BS review of all the main topics... particularly those which are likely to be tested. There are a several typos/grammatical errors throughout each chapter, which oddly enough kind of bugged me, but it's content is great. It's also pretty funny too (for a contracts book, mind you). Epstein did a great job and if you've ever watched the barbri lectures for 1Ls online, then you

know Epstein. He uses analogies to him drinking too much alcohol and not being able to perform a contract etc. I'd love to meet this guy... and apparently he's a professor in the city I'm from!

I found this book to be very helpful. It really breaks down the principles of contract law, in a way you can easily understand it. They go through a legal principle or doctrine, and then provide a clear example of what they are trying to illustrate. I also found the book to be pleasant to read, because the examples are really funny and the book has humor throughout it. This really is a "short" guide, and doesn't include cases and case notes, it's simply the principles. So you don't have to read all the dense material in the textbook's to get the "take-aways". My only regret was that I didn't get this book sooner in the semester and used it to cram towards the end. While this book was very helpful for the purpose I used it for, I think it would serve its purpose even better if you get it early on and read it while taking the class. Other than that, it was a great investment and a lifesaver. If the authors are reading this, thank you very much! Armie too.

This book was/is mildly helpful depending on what specific part you are covering. The Statute of Frauds section was particularly helpful. That being said, the humor is a bit distracting, and frankly not that funny (although there was one joke that actually did make laugh out loud literally, but this was in the actual case and materials textbook). Also, more than a few times I see spelling errors or omissions. For example on page 53, in the discussion on Unilateral Mistake, the authors state the Restatement Section for this is *Restatement (Second) of Contracts* § 53, when it is actually *Restatement (Second) of Contracts* § 153. This is only a single example. In a profession where eighty percent or more of your job is writing, and you are holding yourself out as being so knowledgeable about a subject that you can teach it, having more than a few small (but entirely obvious) errors seems very odd. At the least it seems they did not read over their own work.

This is a must have for all law students taking contracts in their 1L year. However it should only be used if you are using the David Epstein contracts book. Probably the best supplement for the book out there.

This is a great little book. It also matches the Epstein mp3 which can also be purchased for law school study. I used it in conjunction with the mp3 and was able to retain much more information that way. Overall, it is a great supplement to casebook study.

Very helpful when reviewing. It does not go very in depth, but have found it helpful to read through

this to refresh my memory on a subject before doing in depth review for finals. If you have the casebook written by these authors, I highly recommend it.

I am so used to the monotonous text in most law school related texts. What's nice about Epstein, Markell, and Ponoroff is they inject a little humor (the jokes are corny but it's great corny) into their work and it really makes the reading more enjoyable. The book itself is very useful as a refresher and broad overview over the themes of contract law.

Excellent, condensed supplement to help with studying for contracts. It clarifies the basics making it much easier to understand the more difficult areas of contract law. I had the pleasure of taking my contracts class with Professor Markell. I highly recommend this supplement.

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