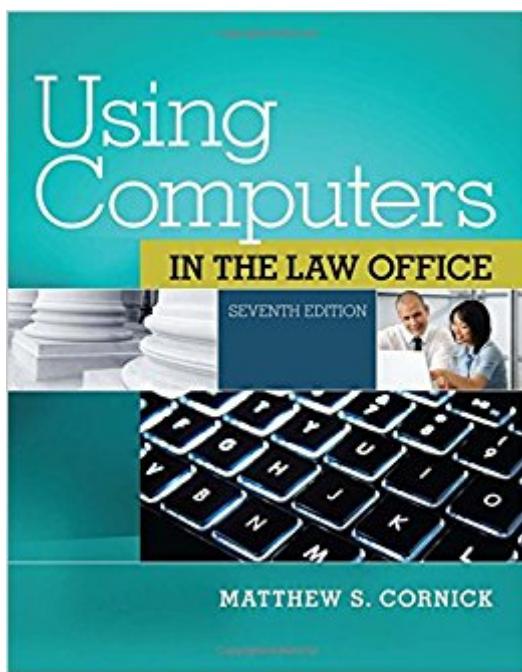


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This tome is HEAVY in the weighted sense. I have used a few Cengage published books for a program of study. Most all of them have terrible editing. In this particular book, the exercises are replete with a writer who delivers the step by step and then assumes the reader knows the next step. It is not a critical step, from my perspective, however there are still some computer users who are not as computer literate as the writer assumes. In another book for a legal course, Cengage uses the wrong citation. Aren't editors supposed to catch that kind of really bad mistake. If you publish a book for students, the learning of the correct information may be more important than the editor, in this particular case, has taken care to protect. If it were a medical text... Cengage is a Boston based company. For shame Cengage - Boston is a mecca of brains - hire one to edit responsibly.

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This book is outdated. No recent upgrades since 2013. It was very expensive and not functional due to its material. Had I known this prior, I would not have purchased it. Very difficult downloading "old"

material which doesn't work properly. The book should not be sold in it's current version. Updates are extremely necessary. Save yourself some money and do not buy this book until it upgrades to 2017 technology.

Because of our class the book was really useless compared to the on line version and I hate on line but for the sections there were none listed in the book like for the on line version. So if the teacher said 'I need you to read section 4.2 - 4.5 and then 4.8 - 4.10' You never knew where the sections began and ended in the book to study the right thing. Not a good book in general anyways. Class info was generally better.

This is probably the worst textbook I've ever encountered. The professor grading materials and student book have numerous inconsistencies which lend to grading mistakes and issues. The book is outdated and the price is outrageous for what you get. One chapter spans over 200 pages just in exercises for different Word program versions. Please don't force this book upon your students!

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