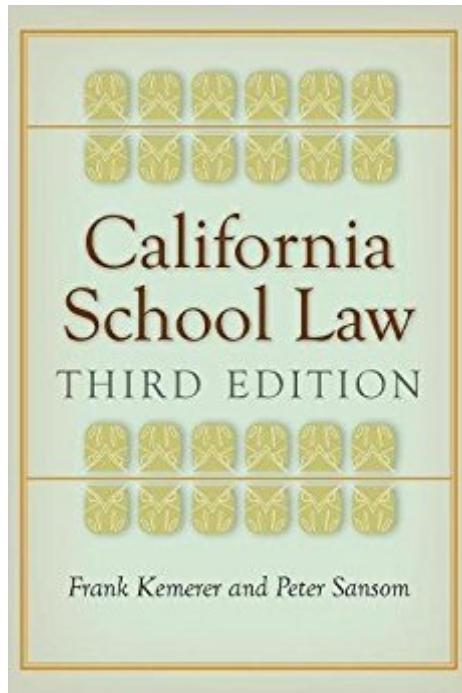


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# California School Law: Third Edition



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Book was fine. Sadly I am apparently better informed than many of my peers and I found the book to mainly cover cases and laws with which I am already familiar. If you don't stay up to date on school law then this book will be fine, but there were no cutting edge cases. There is more current info online, but it is a textbook, so..... like most textbooks it has tried to stay up to date, and the

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