

Hidden Gems In Legal Form Books

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1. Current Legal Forms with Tax Analysis, **KF 170 .R3**

- Current Legal Forms is a 33 volume set, containing some very specific form agreements covering topics such as the unborn young of breeding stock (Form 32.A) and the sale of a original artwork (Form 4.30) and a yacht (Form 4.31).
- If you have a topic that seems a bit novel to you, odds are its been encountered by someone before and there is likely a form to address it, so spend a few minutes looking at various form books before trying to draft something on your own.

2. AmJur Legal Forms, **KF 170 .A542**

- AmJur Legal Forms is a 50 volume set. The volume containing sections 64:33 through 70:27 is particularly helpful - page 452 is the beginning of the Contracts section.
- Some of the more interesting provisions are in the Optional Provisions section, and cover situations where your client may be blind or illiterate.
- Form books are an excellent source for language that will address these sorts of unusual situations.

3. Nichols Cyclopedia, **KF 170 .N5**

- Nichols is a 45 volume set. Besides providing actual forms, another thing that form books are good for is finding helpful drafting hints.
- More than just providing specific language for a contract, they can provide you with drafting aids such as checklists. So even if you aren't using one of their forms, you can use the checklist to make sure you've covered all the bases.
- You'll see in the Detailed Table of Contents (page x), section III is Research and Drafting Aids.
- Page 152 contains a checklist for a general contract that runs for 4 full pages. This can give you a lot of structure if you are drafting a contract from scratch. !
- There's also a short final drafting checklist on page 156, that is always a good exercise to go through before you send a contract off to a partner or a client. You could print this out and tape it to your computer monitor to always remind you to ask yourself these questions, and soon it would become second nature.
- Lastly, starting on page 593 is an entire section devoted to copyright issues. This section includes tax issues, drafting checklists, and general forms for all kinds of specific situations. There are also 14 pages of annotations starting on page 608. ALR articles, books, legal periodicals, etc. Just a bonanza of information!