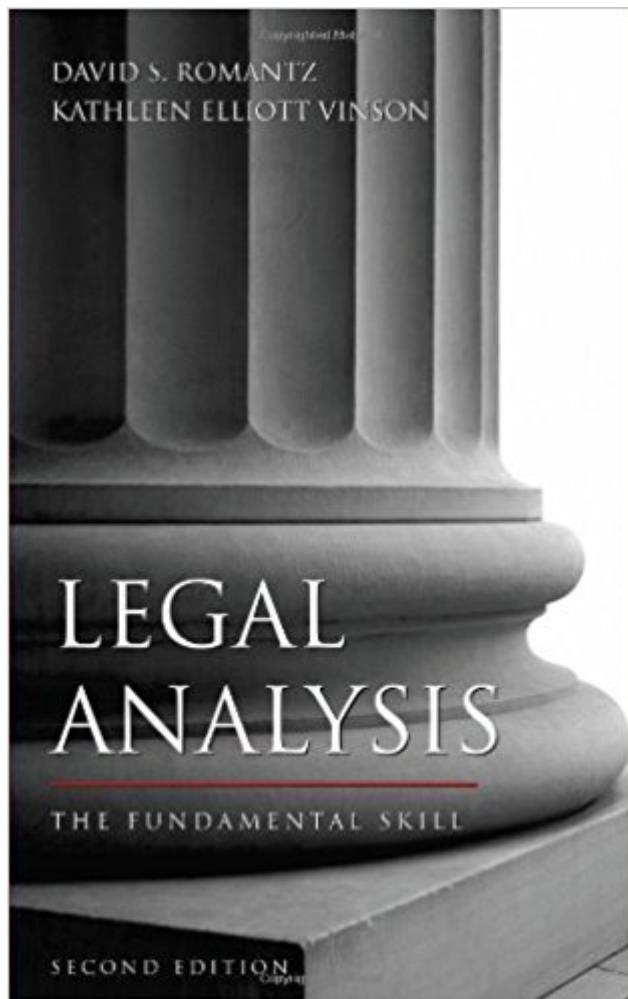


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# Legal Analysis: The Fundamental Skill



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Excellent book for the first year law student or even paralegal in training. It has all the good stuff I learned in paralegal school in one handy place.

As a Suffolk law student I have found this quite useful for LPS (our legal writing class). The different breakdowns for legal writing were expertly explained.

This how to book provides a step by step blueprint for putting a compelling, well reasoned argument, that is supported by case law and or statutory law, together. A great primer and refresher course.

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It could be better but it taught me a lot. It was worth the money and time spent.

This book was required reading for my law school's orientation for 1st year law students. It was a good intro to legal analysis for our LARW class.

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