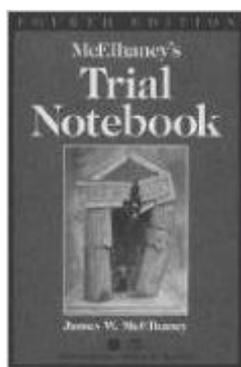


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This book contains a wide variety of articles that were written by James McElhaney for the American Bar Association's Litigation journal over the years. He dispenses a tremendous amount of wisdom collected from his own experience and that of other lawyers. McElhaney covers almost every conceivable subject for the trial lawyer. What I particularly enjoyed is that there are ninety chapters that are easily accessible because they are usually only six or seven pages long. For instance, he has an enlightening chapter on trial practice that every lawyer must read. He covers the following: how to keep the client happy, getting rid of cases you have that have turned out "to be dogs," how to get along with judges, trying to settle cases, and deciding when it is time to leave your firm. In short, this book is filled with superb tips, anecdotes, and many war stories that make the pages turn very quickly.

This book was suggested to my Advanced Trial and Evidence class in law school. I decided to pick up a copy to see if it would really be worthwhile for my future practice since I want to litigate. It is excellent from what I have read so far. Many of us were shown or told how to do or say certain things in pretrial and trial litigation class. This book is not only a good reminder, but it has many

other practical and entertaining ideas that I'm sure to use in my future practice. A "must have!"

McElhaney's book contains all of the guidance one needs in order to prepare for trial. From practical guidance for organizing materials to inspirational passages on the formation of the theory of the case and argument, this book has it all. I prefer it to the Mauet book.

I bought this book some time ago and refer to it often when preparing for trial, or otherwise when time permits. Having been a criminal trial lawyer for over 18 years, this book still teaches me things that I either didn't know, or that I learned and had forgotten. It is easy to read and very helpful.

I am only about half way done reading this book but I absolutely love it! It has some of the best lawyering advice that I have read in any book. A few of the topics require a little practice to perfect (such as the cross-examination suggestions) but I would recommend this to any young attorney or law student.

McElhaney has numerous books that have been invaluable tools to my law practice. This one was a replacement as I loaned my original out and never got it back. My only disappointment was in not being able to find this edition new in hardback.

Pro - The book offers a ton of practical experience on how to put together a trial step by step and also advice on pretrial discovery. Con - The book does not go in depth explaining the evidence rules and how each hearsay exception applies or doesn't. Overall - one of the more easily comprehensible trial prep books for a newly admitted attorney.

I have read many books on trials, and honestly this is one of the best for trials. I don't think it should be read by someone who doesn't do trials, or who has no knowledge of it though. It has some very good tactics.

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