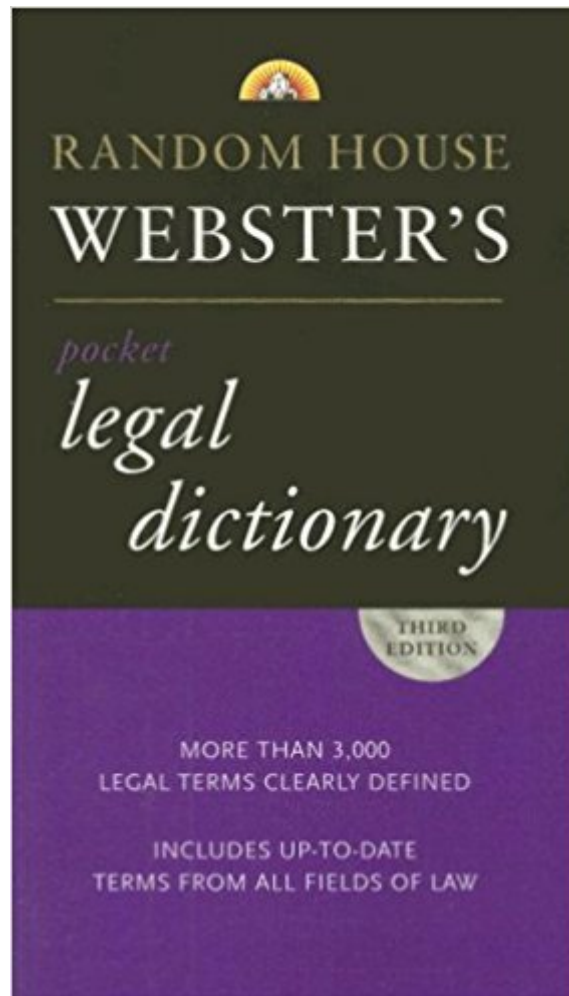




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I wish I had known about this book during my first year of law school. Every 1L should own a copy. It has several advantages over the Pocket Edition of Black's Law Dictionary. First, it really is pocket sized. It's not much bigger than a deck of cards. It's perfect for keeping with you and referencing while studying on the bus, etc. Second, it's less expensive. As I write this review it is available new for less than \$10. The book contains about 3,000 definitions compared to about 13,000 to the Pocket Edition of Black's Law Dictionary. But in my opinion, these 3,000 terms are probably enough for first year law students. In fact, I'm in my third year and have referenced it a couple of times. At this point, however, I primarily use the full desk version of Black's Law Dictionary. One downside is that the

print is a bit small, but this is to be expected for such a small book. You shouldn't have any trouble reading it. If you're entering law school, buy this dictionary instead of the Pocket Edition of Black's Law Dictionary. Apply the savings towards a full desk version of Black's.

Unlike the "Pocket Edition" of Black's Law Dictionary, this book actually is small enough to fit in your pocket if you want to carry around a fairly thorough (considering the size) legal dictionary without carrying around a heavy book. While the numbers advertised on the cover put Webster's at "over 3,000 words" compared to Pocket Edition Black's "more than 10,000", so Pocket Black's has more words overall.... there are actually terms in this tiny book that aren't in the larger Pocket Edition of Black's Law Dictionary. For example Webster's has a fairly thorough definition for "preclusion", a term which is nowhere to be found in Pocket Black's. (In fact tiny Webster's even has more of a definition than the giant fancy hardcover Black's Law Dictionary, which just refers you to the "Issue Preclusion" and "Claim Preclusion" definitions). Webster's also refers you to see also "Issue Preclusion", which Pocket Black's also doesn't have. Clearly this is not going to be totally comprehensive of all legal terms you would ever need, but it is handy, useful, covers a lot of the legal terms you are most likely to encounter, and is actually small, light and portable when you're carrying around a bag that is already filled with heavy law textbooks!

I like how portable this dictionary is. I threw it in my school bag and almost forgot it was there. However, I feel like it's missing quite a few terms. More than half of the legal terms I've tried to look up were not defined in this dictionary--frustrating, to say the least.

I law school/ paralegal student really needs Black's Law Dictionary. This little volume is easier to carry, but is not nearly complete enough. Black's is expensive and enormous, but when you need to go to a legal dictionary, it's really the only definitive and exhaustive one. Save your money here and put the difference toward Black's.

The small print of the almost invisible words in this dictionary means you will certainly become blind if you spend a lot of time on it.

We bought this and the Black's pocket size 3rd edition. The Black's is much more exhaustive, but is too big to be called pocket size. This Webster's is truly pocket size but has only a fraction of the terms that the Black's has and the print is very tiny.

It is not as comprehensive as I expected. The reason is because in this dictionary I couldn't find some regular legal words found in a regular legal books.

Excellent for anyone who may the judge/jury find well-versed on the subject matter!

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