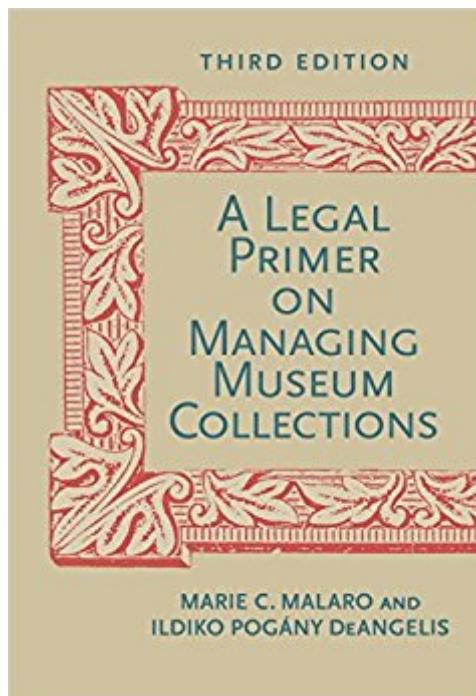


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# A Legal Primer On Managing Museum Collections, Third Edition



## **Synopsis**

Hailed when it was first published in 1985 as the bible of U.S. collections management, A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections offers the only comprehensive discussion of the legal questions faced by museums regarding collections. This revised and expanded third edition addresses the many legal developments— including a comprehensive discussion of stolen art and the international movement of cultural property, recent developments in copyright, and the effects of burgeoning electronic uses—that have occurred during the past twenty-five years. An authoritative, go-to book for any museum professional, Legal Primer offers detailed explanations of the law, suggestions for preventing legal problems, and numerous case studies of lawsuits involving museum collections.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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This primer offers a very easy to read discussion of the legal matters that museums may face and the laws that they follow. Everything from "orphaned works" to international exhibition issues to donor forms to the most common legal problems museum face. The book also offers a number of samples from other museum's collection policies as well as general templates to build off of and learn what basic information a museum should/can include. Additionally, real-life and hypothetical case examples are seamlessly given to help develop critical thinking and apply what you have learned. I highly recommend it.

Detailed, thorough, and educational. The book looks at the important legal concerns faced by museums like non-profit status, legal title to objects, and cultural heritage concerns. The legal precedents for important topics are explained and the footnotes give references to plenty more cases to expand upon.

I have already referenced this book several times for important matters. It's nice to have a resource with all the answers in it!

We are in the process of opening a new museum, it has very good information, especially on donated items, what or what not to do.

Had the legal background that I needed for dealing with a certain Museum.

Good information. I read it for a class.

Love Marie Malaro.

I bought this for a class. Not having page numbers though makes it had to follow along with class readings.

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