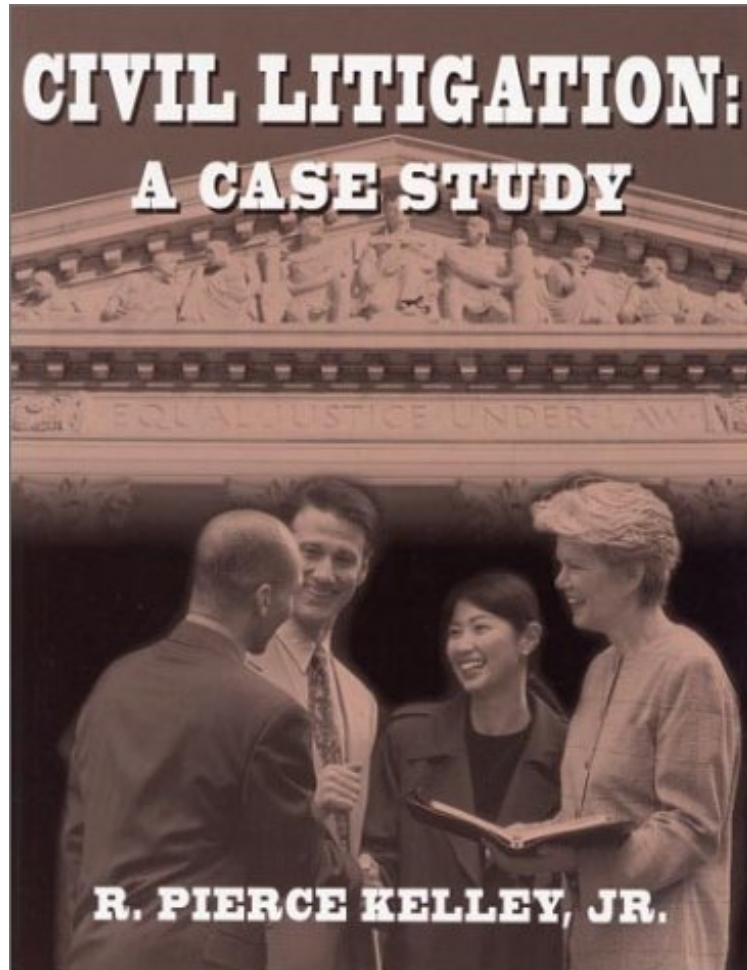


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From the Inside Flap It is my hope that this textbook can be useful to educators in a variety of ways. At St. Petersburg Junior College, it is intended for students who have successfully completed an introductory course in civil litigation. It provides students with a practical application of the theories they learned from the first semester. If civil litigation is not offered as a two-semester topic, it can be used as a stand-alone text to teach civil litigation. It can also be used as a trial practice text. I expect that it will have other possible applications as well, depending upon the curriculum at the various schools across the country. The book's premise involves two students who have successfully completed a legal studies program and are beginning to work on their first case in a law office. One student works for a firm that handles only plaintiff cases; the other works for a defense law firm. The text is presented from the perspective of each student. This book offers students an opportunity to develop and analyze a trip-and-fall case. The first chapters address pretrial activity, and the later chapters concentrate on the trial proceedings, testimony, and dialogue. Acting as a jury, the class will vote to determine the outcome of the case. The rules of procedure in the fictitious state of Atlantis will differ from the rules of some other states. I suggest that students compare their jurisdiction's rules of procedure to those of Atlantis. I intended to provide students with a practical example of what to expect in a law firm that handles civil litigation cases in general, and personal injury cases in particular. I hope the hands-on approach used in this book will be thought-provoking and enjoyable. From the Back Cover Using a conversational, step-by-step approach, this book offers readers an ideal opportunity to develop and analyze a trip- and-fall case. The book's premise involves two novice paralegals who have just completed a legal studies program and who are beginning to work on their first case in a law office. One works for a firm that only handles plaintiff cases; the other for a defense law firm. Readers follow the case as it unfolds from the perspective of each paralegal from development and analysis, to pretrial activity, trial proceedings, testimony, and dialogue. The book is packed with explanations of what, how, and why, and sample documents prepared at each stage of the case, from both sides. Pre-Suit Activity. The Pleadings Stage from the Plaintiff's Perspective. The Pleadings Stage from the Defendant's Perspective. The Written Discovery State. Depositions. Video Deposition of the Surgeon. Continued Negotiations, Physical Examination of the Plaintiff, and Deposition of the Defendant's Expert. Pretrial Motions, Orders of the Court, and Hearings Before the Court. Final Trial Preparations. Voir Dire and Opening Statements. Plaintiff's Case in Chief. Defendant's Case in Chief. Closing Arguments, Jury Deliberations and the Verdict. Post-Trial Motions. For Paralegals. About the Author R. Pierce Kelley, Jr., was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He completed his undergraduate work at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, and received his JD from George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. After his admission to the Florida Bar in 1974, Pierce began his legal career as an Assistant Public Defender in Clearwater, Florida. For several years he was the managing attorney of a legal services program for a five-county area in West Virginia. Subsequently, he served as a sole practitioner in Keyser, West Virginia. Pierce then returned to Florida and served as an Assistant Public Defender for the Southern District of Florida. Since 1985, Pierce has worked exclusively in the area of civil litigation, concentrating on personal injury litigation. He has served as lead trial counsel in over 100 jury trials and has successfully argued appeals to the Supreme Court of Florida and the Supreme Court of Appeals for the State of West Virginia. He is a member of the Florida Bar Association and admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of the United States, and all courts within the state of Florida. Presently, Pierce is of counsel to the Tampa office of Hinshaw and Culbertson, rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell. Kelley has taught numerous courses as an adjunct professor in the legal assistant program at St. Petersburg Junior College and several other universities and colleges.