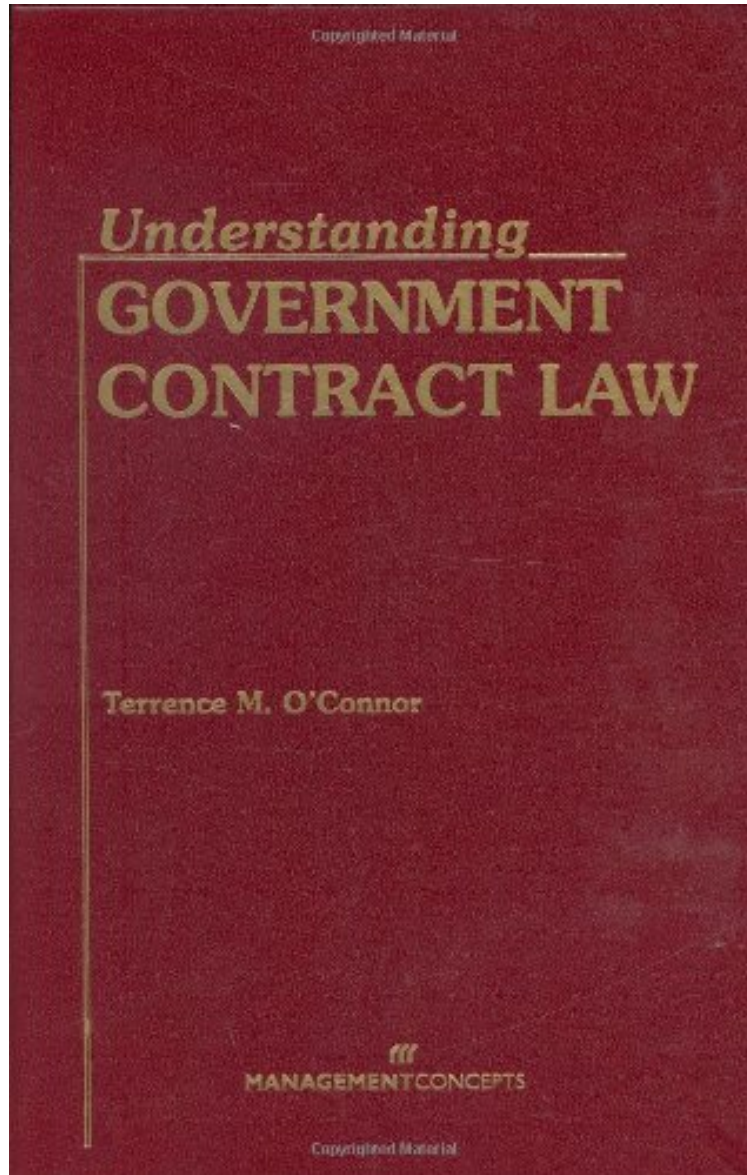


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information that you can't get in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, namely how to sue the Federal Government. But hope you don't have to sue the Federal Government because the costs are onerous. Terrance O'Conner describes the role of the Contracting Officer better than anybody else in my opinion. He describes the ways in which a contracting officer is a Judge, Sheriff and Plaintiff. Certainly the nation needs lots more contracting officers. This is an area of tremendous expected job growth. Many books on government contracting explain types of contracts in the two basic categories of fixed price and cost-reimbursement, which is correct. O'Conner focuses on the legal basis for contract formation, again necessary for contracting officers and contract administrators to know. One of the things that make government contracts different from commercial contracts is that the federal government can always get out of the contract if it perceives doing so to be in its best interests. This is well covered in the text. I found this to be a highly readable text in a very dry and challenging area of the law. I recommend it for aspiring contracting officers and contract administrators. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Read at least twice, then take the class. ...By Fredrick Wilson Read at least twice, then take the class. This is a high level overview of contract law and definitely not for those new to the acquisitions career field. I read 3/4 of the book before taking the course with many other experienced 1102s; everyone learned something new. The point is this is very high level material (unless your an attorney) and will not benefit those without acquisition experience. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book!!! By Graciela Sandt When I knew I have to purchase this book for school, I got a little intimidated by the title because I am not very familiar with government contract law, but after reading the book I was relieved that the book wasn't difficult at all to follow. The Author wrote the book with excellent life examples not just theory. I am very pleased with my purchase and the contents of the book. Thanks!

Finally! A plain-English presentation of the basic legal concepts of government contract law for professionals at any stage in their careers. Until now, anyone in the procurement field has had to trudge through dense and complex texts written in hard-to-follow legalese in their quest to understand procurement law. With *Understanding Government Contract Law*, they finally have a source of clear and concise explanations of the legal principles involved in government contract law, written by an authority on the subject. Part I of the book focuses on the unique problems facing each of the parties to a government contract the contract officer and the contractor and offers insight to the many roles played by the contract officer in the procurement process. Part II describes why and how the government contract is different from commercial contracts. Part III explores the ins and outs of a government contract lawsuit. The author presents key legal principles of government contract law by: -Stating a legal principle -Specifying where in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) that principle is found -Offering the rationale, context, and any public policy behind the principle -Describing, with case law examples, situations where the government applied the law correctly and situations where the government came to that conclusion incorrectly The structure of *Understanding Government Contract Law* is modeled after the FAR, the foundation of federal procurement, making it familiar and practical for both students and professionals.

About the Author Terrence M. O Connor has practiced government contract law for over 35 years. After 15 years as an attorney for the federal government, he went into private practice, focusing on litigation and teaching. He has tried more than 70 criminal jury cases and more than 20 civil/non-jury administrative hearings, including government contract claims before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and various Boards of Contract Appeals. He is the author of *The Federal Contracting Answer Book* and currently writes monthly columns on recent court, GAO, and BCA decisions for the popular monthly newsletter *Federal Acquisition Report*.