



# Law for Project Managers

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Projects can often be extremely complex processes involving various teams from client organisations, contractors and sub-contractors. Making sure you don't fall foul of the law may not be uppermost in the project manager's mind, but it is vital you understand the basics to prevent any costly legal hiccups and repercussions during the process.

Law for Project Managers provides an easily understandable and practical guide to the laws of contract, liability, intellectual property and so on, entirely from the perspective of the project manager. It will enable you to approach projects forewarned and forearmed, able to avoid potential legal problems altogether.

The book covers everything from intellectual property disputes with the client organisation about who actually 'owns' the outcome, to confusion arising during an international project from the different legal systems and their approach to contracts and health and safety problems in the management of contractors. Most importantly, it explains everything in very straightforward terms; legal jargon is either avoided altogether or defined with its relevance to the project manager explained.

It is also written to help you find and brief legal professionals and, should it come to it, resolve disputes. For example, what are the various dispute resolution options open to you and which ones involve recourse to law? David Wright provides clear, readable and expert advice on this and many other important legal matters for the project manager.

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