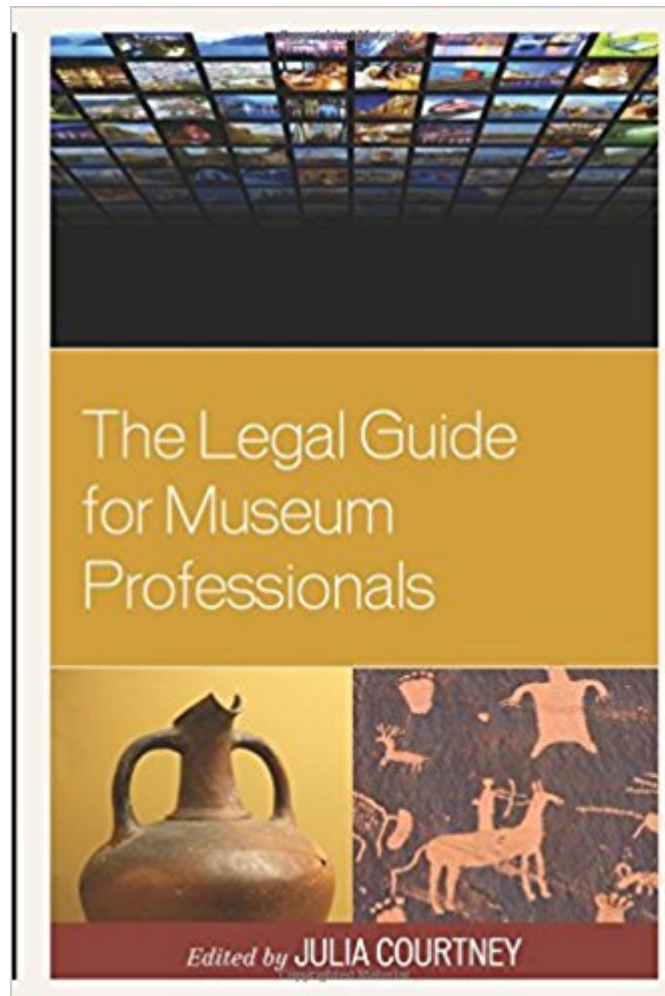




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# The Legal Guide For Museum Professionals



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Museums Studies Program, Harvard University Extension School, and Past Chair, Section of Science & Technology Law, American Bar Association) At last we have a practical and accessible resource to understand current and critical issues at the intersection of law and museums today, authored by thought leaders in the field. (Van Shields, Executive Director, Berkshire Museum) From intellectual property law to navigating the hazards of social media, de-accessioning concerns to governance law, copyright, intellectual property law and rights and reproduction questions to issues of public trust, *The Legal Guide for Museum Professionals* seeks to provide answers and action steps for mid to small-sized museums of all disciplines. This book will assist museums with limited resources as well as those with healthy endowments in determining when to seek professional legal counsel and when it may be more efficient to educate themselves and proceed on their own.

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