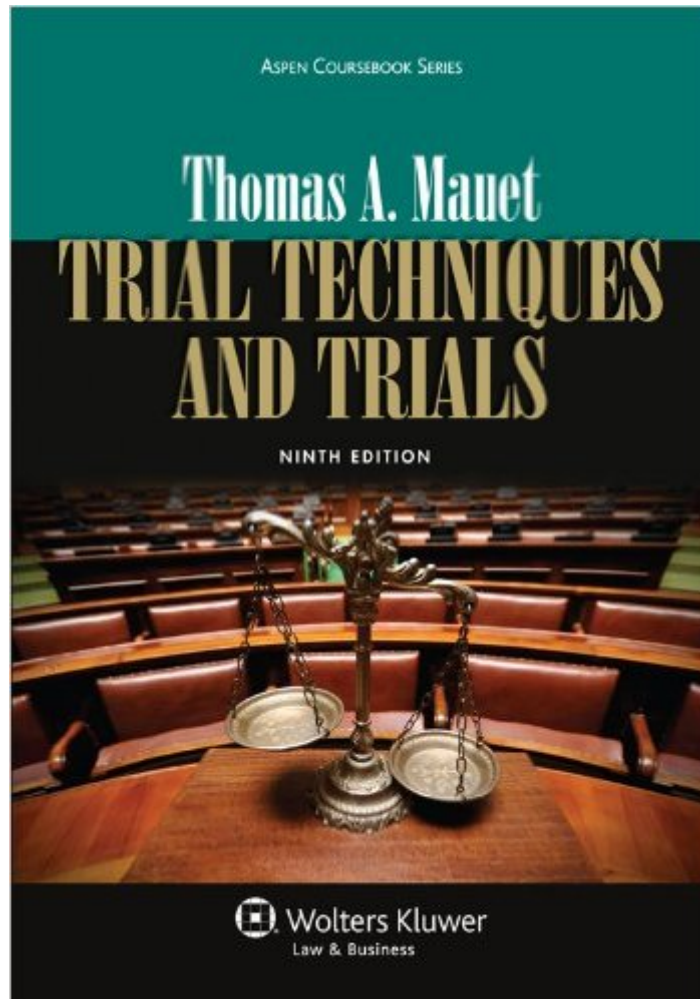


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I have a background in mock trial. My friend and mock trial partner has ZERO experience - she had never been in a courtroom. I managed to teach her all the basics of trial practice by lending her this book and spending one hour discussing the highlights. We ended up winning the school competition - within our law school, we were the best two trial advocates. She could not have made that kind of progress without this book. I first bought this for my trial practice class. I didn't read it all, because I have some experience. It was useful to refer to when I had a question or needed some advice. This book is definitely a practical guide, not an academic treatise. You can pick and choose which parts to read and which to follow. I did extremely well in both my trial practice class and the New England regional mock trial competition, and the ONLY supplemental reading or research I did was in this book.

I had to buy this for my Trial Practice course. The class was a lot of fun, taught by a trial judge and appellate judge. They generally agreed with what was in this book but criticized the closing argument section and cross-examination section. There are a lot of examples inside which was very helpful in me writing my own opening, closing, etc. I'll probably keep it around if I ever litigate.

An earlier edition of Mauet's book served as one of my coursebooks at NITA in 1991. A superb reference and how-to manual for preparing for trial and dealing with unfamiliar issues of evidence and procedure. I'm disturbed by Wordy Wizard's review because he seems more concerned with

rating the physical condition of the book he received rather than the content. This one is definitely worth the exorbitant price and should be included in your law library. (I think I paid ~\$35 for my old copy in 1991.)

This book is extremely helpful. I got it for a trial advocacy course in law school. However, it became increasingly helpful when I began trial work at the prosecutor's office I clerked for. The book spells out how to do an opening and closing statement, direct and cross examination, etc. It made it easy to transition into the courtroom as I prosecuted my own trials. Once I become a licensed attorney, I undoubtedly will keep the book as a reference.

If you have any contact to Court Trial Practice you should go over this book, although some of the "tips" are the classical that you will hear in every seminar, book, conference or Law School, it has some great examples on what to do and what not to do in a court room, it is a very well exemplified book. I have to highlight it gives great instructions on how to prepare evidence for trials.

This is one of the better books I've read about trial advocacy. It is definitely for beginners though! It gives you tips on opening statements, jury selection, direct- and cross-examination, exhibits, and objections, but only at the most basic level. This book is best used in a trial advocacy of moot court setting where you have experienced practitioners giving you additional tips and guidance. The package also includes a video of a jury trial, but I personally didn't find that particularly helpful. I used it for a class, but I don't think it's something I need to keep around for when I practice. There are better books for that!

it is very helpful but could use more examples.

This book came highly recommended from many different professors (and was assigned by a few of them). I began reading it, as assigned, but never gained anything. I'm not sure why this book is considered an essentially litigation companion by so many people. The content of this book is dumbed-down to an unnecessary degree, thus always requiring one to pull several more books off the shelf. I gave this 2 stars because it is not a total loss... Sometimes the book serves as an adequate jumping off point for answering broad questions. Unless you have to buy it, read it, and discuss in class - skip it.

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