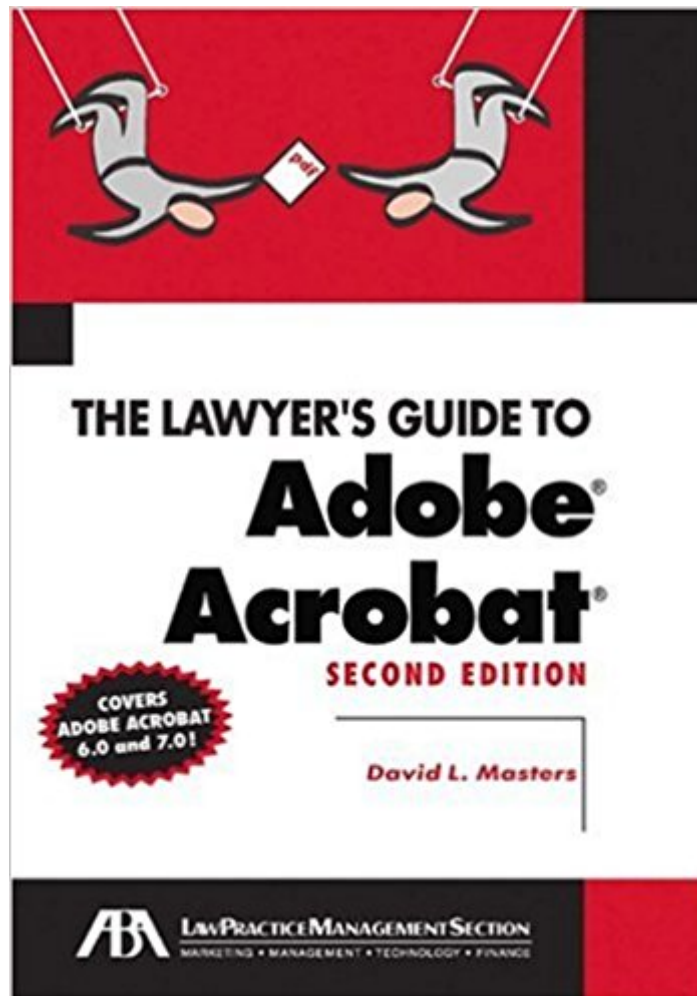




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David Masters has created a work of art in his book, "The Lawyer's Guide to Adobe Acrobat," published by the American Bar Association Law Practice Management Section. I thought the first two editions were great, but this third edition goes above and beyond. While David Masters is a practicing lawyer in Colorado specializing in Real Estate and Business matters, he's much more

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More and more courts are allowing, if not requiring, that documents of all type be presented in electronic format either in addition to or in some cases instead of on paper. There are unquestionably a lot of lawyers who will assign the task of producing the electronic document to a secretary. But this is kind of like having a lawyer these days who can't use a PC - there probably are some, but they are getting fewer and fewer. This slim document, now in its second edition is aimed to enable lawyers (or their secretaries) to produce the .pdf documents desired by the court. It does not go into all the details of what Adobe Acrobat can do, that would take a thousand pages or so. It is not a book intended for the techie who lives, breathes, and eats computers. It tells the lawyer what he needs to know to meet the courts requirements. At this it does a great job.

Few books offer so many practical rewards for lawyers (indeed for anyone who uses Acrobat). Cleanly written and full of screenshots to aid you, this is a one stop shop for "everything Acrobat" a lawyer could possibly want to know. David Masters is renowned as a lawyer/expert who speaks nationwide about the use of Adobe Acrobat in law firms. If you get the chance to hear him speak,

you'll thoroughly enjoy him in person, but the book is a reference tool that you'll go back to time and again. Most lawyers who read this book are shocked by the many things that Acrobat can do - and they practice better, more efficiently and more securely as a result. This book should be in every lawyer's library.

I've only read the chapter on PDF file security (as this was my main interest in the book). The author explains what can be done with the tools within Acrobat 8, but doesn't examine the tools that can break Adobe's security, nor the third-party solutions that can be more effective than Adobe's offering.

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