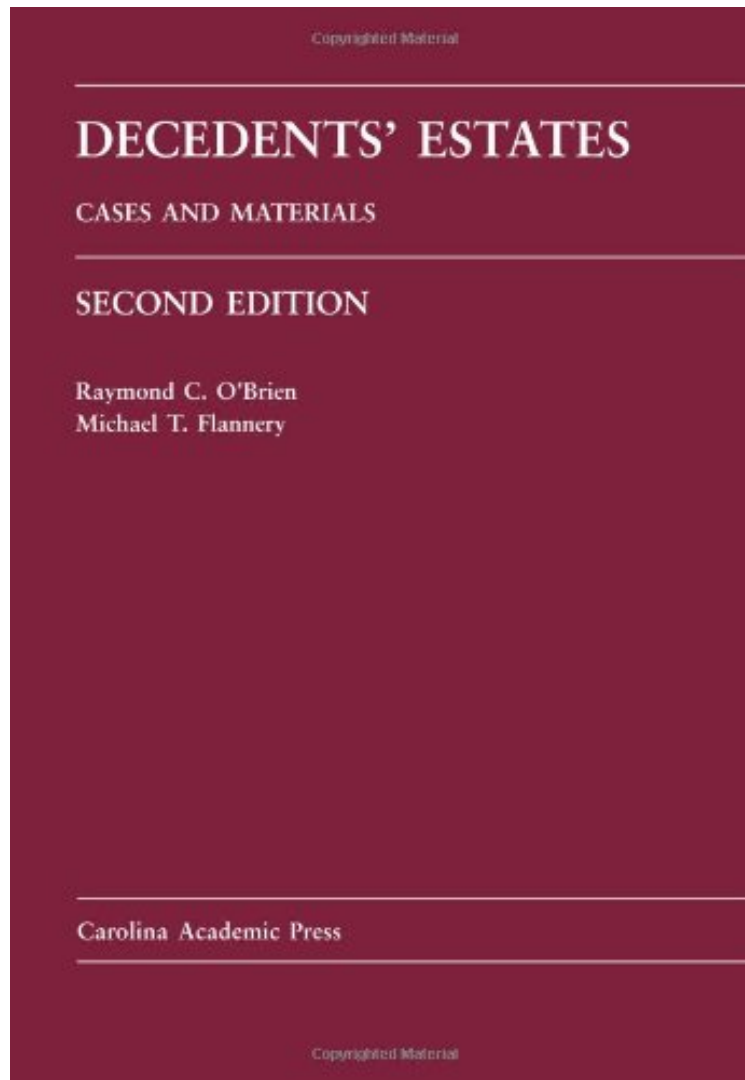


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The cases are carefully selected to provide the student with both a solid historical basis, as well as the ability to see the application of both traditional and modern concepts.... The text is well-written and more extensive than that typically found in a casebook. The writing is clear, concise, and demonstrates the authors' comprehensive grasp of both basic and complex concepts and the interplay between them. --The University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law About the Author
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