

## INTRODUCTION

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No other course in the first year of law school seems to involve as many rules as does Real Property. Students suffer under the sheer number of rules thrown at them, and professors chafe at the amount of class time consumed in the brute articulation of all these rules. This book attempts to remedy that a little. For the students, it offers a brief compilation of all or most of the rules that are covered in the standard casebooks on the subject, organized so as to minimize their seeming randomness and arbitrariness. For the professors, it offers an opportunity to free up class time for an exploration of how the rules came to be, how they operate (or how to operate around them), and whether they work. Our goal is to make the mechanical statement of the rules the beginning, rather than the end, of the study of Property in law school.