



Personal Property and Bailments - Chapter 19

Legal Terms

On the left side of your notebook, write the word or phrase that best completes each of the following statements.

1. A(n) _____ bailment is a bailment in which both parties receive some benefit.
2. If someone else owns property that is in your possession, you are a(n) _____.
3. A(n) _____ exists any time personal property is in the possession of someone who is not the actual owner.
4. If someone else has possession of some of your belongings, you are a(n) _____.
5. Property that has no substance and cannot be touched is _____ property.
6. A(n) _____ is one who gives a gift.
7. Clothing, books, and automobiles are examples of _____ property.
8. A(n) _____ bailment is a bailment that is free of charge.
9. One who receives a gift is a(n) _____.
10. Patents, copyrights, and trademarks are often referred to as _____.

Key Points in Your Reading

Indicate whether each of the following statements is true or false by writing T or F in your notebook.

1. If someone owes you money, the right to receive the money is intangible personal property.
2. The finder of a watch has a right to use the watch until the true owner is found.
3. If lost property is found on a restaurant table or chair, the finder may take the article home.
4. A gift may be taken back if the donee has not yet received the gift.
5. The owner of a patent has exclusive rights to the invention for a period of seven years.
6. Computer programs are not protected by copyright laws.
7. A bailment agreement supported by consideration is probably a contract.
8. When a customer hangs a coat on a hook in a restaurant, a bailment usually comes about.
9. If bailees give up possession of the goods, they keep the right to a mechanic's lien.
10. If a bailee cannot prove the exercise of reasonable care, the bailee will be responsible for a loss.

You're the Judge

For each of the following cases write Yes or No to indicate your decision. Then, in your own words, state the legal principle or legal reason that applies to the facts in the case.

1. Paulo Hernandez, a noted artist, copyrighted several landscape paintings. Eight years after Hernandez died, Robert Loring started selling copies of Hernandez's paintings. Can Loring legally sell the paintings?
2. Arzella Gregory told her daughter, Susan, that she would give her a collection of dolls. Susan was pleased and said she would pick up the dolls from her mother's house in about a month. Was the gift to Susan completed?
3. Emily Harris rented a snowmobile from the local dealer with the understanding that it would be used only for pleasure riding. On a wager, she engaged in a race with two other snowmobiles, and the snowmobile was severely damaged in a collision. Can Harris be held liable for damages to the snowmobile?
4. Roberta Carson bought a bus ticket from Cleveland to New York. She was required to check her large bag with the bus company. The porter loading the bags into the luggage compartment failed to put the bag in the bus, and it was stolen. Can Carson hold the bus company liable for the loss of the bag?
5. Laura Johnson left her VCR at the Video Service Center for repairs. Four days later she received a card stating that the VCR had been repaired. She waited six weeks to pick up the VCR. In the meantime, a fire in the shop destroyed her VCR. Can Johnson hold the Video Service Center liable for the loss of the VCR?