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About the book

This dictionary is the first of its kind, a legal dictionary from English to the Somali language. It is the product of collections by the author over a ten-year period. It is for both professionals and the public who want to find equivalent Somali terms for the English legal terms. Not only does the dictionary present the meaning of legal terms in Somali, but it also includes examples as well as how to interact with the U. S. legal system. Most of the English legal terms in this dictionary have two or more equivalent words in Somali with detailed information. In most cases, at the end of the term, there is a suggestion for further reading or related words. This dictionary will give the community an opportunity to understand English legal terms in their mother tongue.

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