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BOOKS RECEIVED

Constitutional Law

AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, By Bernard Schwartz. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1955. Pp. 364. \$5.00.

An account of American constitutional law, dealing with both the basic structure of the governmental system and modern developments. The latter section, dealing with the latest cases, contains specific chapters on the problems of segregation and civil liberties.

THE COMMUNIST CONSTITUTION VERSUS THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. By Whitney H. Slocumb, L.L.D. Boston, Mass.: Meador Publishing Company. 1955. Pp. 431. \$4.00.

An able and thorough comparison of the United States Constitution and the Communist Manifesto which stresses the political-economic side of the documents; this book points out, once again, that the American Constitution is the plan for a useful and lasting nation.

CONTROL OVER ILLEGAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL LAW: ROLE OF THE SUPREME COURT. By Albert Beisel, Jr. Boston, Mass.: Boston University Press. 1955. Pp. 112. \$2.75.

Mr. Beisel's book, composed of lectures given during the Gaspar G. Bacon lecture series at Boston University, analyzes the serious problems involved in the use of illegal methods by police officers in enforcing the criminal law.

Practice of Law

YOU MAY TAKE THE WITNESS. By Clinton Giddings Brown. Austin, Tex.: University of Texas Press. 1955. Pp. 223. \$3.95.

Mr. Brown, a Texas corporation trial lawyer, writes in a light, semi-serious vein of his nearly fifty years of practice. Entwined in his anecdotes is some good sound advice about trial practice, the selection of juries and preparation for trial.

THE LEGAL MIND. By Gerald Abrahams. Fairlawn, N. J.; Essential Books Inc. 1954. Pp. 252. 18s.

A highly stimulating writing concerning the dynamics as well as subtleties of advocacy, having a high appeal to the intelligence of the lay as well as legal mind.

STUDYING LAW. Ed. by Arthur T. Vanderbilt. New York, N. Y.: New York University Press. 1955. Pp. 753. \$6.00.

The purpose of the second edition of this book is to emphasize the fundamentals which define a lawyer's basic attitude toward his profession—that will make him, in the editor's words, "a well rounded man and citizen, a leader in the affairs of his community, his state or his country."

Civil Rights

FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. By Carl Becker. New York, N. Y.: Vintage Press. 1955. Pp. xviii, 135. \$.95.

This series of lectures, Becker's last work before his death, deals with the problems of the citizen in society, especially free speech and press, education, the nature of constitutional government, and private economic enterprise.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO DE-SEGREGATION. By Herbert Hill and Jack Greenberg. Boston, Mass.: Beacon Press. 1955. Pp. x, 185. \$1.00.

This book is an historical survey of the American Negro's social and political background, from Reconstruction to the present. Simply and directly it tells of the changing relations between Negro and White in the United States.

THE TORMENT OF SECRECY. By Edward A. Shils, Glencoe, Ill.: The Free Press. 1956. Pp. 238. \$3.50.

An examination of the background and consequences of American security policies, an assessment of the threat of espionage, subversion and sabotage, and the present day legislative, administrative, and investigative preoccupation with such elements, with the suggested more reasonable and realistic counterforces which might replace the present policies.

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Famous Trials

THE OPPENHEIMER CASE — THE TRIAL OF A SECURITY SYSTEM. By Charles P. Curtis. New York, N. Y.: Simon and Schuster. 1955. Pp. 281. \$4.00.

An interesting commentary on the procedure of the governmental security system which chooses for its analytical vehicle the most famous case heard in recent years. It contains liberal reprints from the record and the conclusions of a brilliant attorney.

THE WOMAN IN THE CASE. By Edgar Lustgarten. New York, N. Y.: Charles Scribner's Sons, New York 1955. Pp. 218. \$3.00.

The author has taken four famous murder trials in which the central role was played by a woman and has attempted to examine feminine nature through the microscopic lenses of the courts and to examine the operation of those courts themselves.

Law in Other Professions

LEGAL CASES FOR CONTRACTORS, ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS. By I. Vernon Werbin. New York, N. Y.; McGraw-Hill Co., Inc. 1955 Pp. 487. \$6.00.

Although not a substitute for expert legal advice, this work is an excellent reference volume for the man in the building field. More than 50 topics are discussed by the author, a member of the New York Bar and a licensed professional engineer, in language easily understood by the layman. Indexing and tables add to the convenience of this book, which presents the money-saving preventative steps of utmost importance in a competitive business world.

THE PHYSICIAN AND THE LAW. By Rowland H. Long. New York, N. Y.: Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc. 1955. Pp. 284. \$5.75.

Mr. Long has produced a clear and concise text on the legal relationships and the role of medicine in the administration of justice. While primarily designed to benefit medical students and practicing physicians, the book may well be used to reappraise lawyers of fundamental medico-legal ideas.

Business Law

LABOR DISPUTES AND THEIR SETTLEMENT. By Kurt Braun. Baltimore, Md.: John Hopkins Press. 1955. Pp. 342. \$6.00.

A thorough analysis and evaluation of the fundamental methods commonly used in the settlement of industrial labor disputes. The product of an eminently qualified author, the book should prove a valuable addition to the field of labor relations.

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY. By Arthur Larson. New York, N. Y.: Harper and Brothers Publishers. 1955. Pp. 220. \$2.95.

The dry subject of Social Security is made vital to the reader in his role as citizen, employee, beneficiary, employer or self-employed person in this author's treatment.

TAX PLANNING FOR REAL ESTATE. By T. R. Lasser, New York, N. Y.: Reinhold Publishing Corporation. 1955. Pp. 421. \$9.95.

The aspects of real estate investment and utilization are presented in a well-ordered manner by Mr. Lasser in this latest of his well-known series of manuals for tax guidance.

Other Books

LET'S HAVE A BETTER WORLD. By Daniel Wolford LaRue, Ph. D. New York, N. Y. Exposition Press. 1955. Pp. 240. \$4.00.

The author presents his view of the present deplorable state of mankind and the physical world which is man's habitat, and goes on to offer explicit plans for ameliorating the ills of our civilization. He places his main emphasis on self-realization, the liberation of the highest forces and qualities in the individual for the benefit of all.

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THE MORAL DECISION. By Edmund Cahn. Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press. 1955. Pp. 342. \$5.00.

This work presents an insight into the effect of moral norms upon judicial decisions—a peek behind the “cold curtain” of legal canons. Written by a practicing lawyer turned scholar, now devoting his full time to teaching and writing, the book is a revelation to the layman as well as the lawyer, contrasting a morally influenced court of law with the pagan maxim “he is innocent who is not caught.” Mr. Cahn’s work is a valuable addition to any library.

THE SECRET ROADS. By Jon and David Kimche. New York, N. Y.: Farrar, Strauss and Cudahy, Inc. 1955. Pp. 223. \$3.75.

This book deals with the adventures of the Jews along the avenues of escape from German-occupied Europe, past the British blockade of Palestine, and into their new homeland.

LAW IN THE MIDDLE EAST. Ed. by Majid Khadduri and Herbert J. Liebesny. Washington, D. C.: The Middle East Institute.

In a relatively short work, the editors present the development and the present status of the law in the Middle Eastern countries in a manner that should appeal to American interests and understanding.

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