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BOOKS RECEIVED

Law and Legal Information Directory, Fifth Edition. Edited by Steven Wasserman and Jacqueline Wasserman O'Brien. Detroit, MI.: Gale Research Inc. 1988. Pp. xv + 1,120. Hardbound. \$295.00.

The *Law and Legal Information Directory* is a compendium of 23 listings that describe legal and law related resources in depth. The editors' intention is to compile a complete range of legal information in a single volume. Each listing, or chapter, covers a different subject and the entire volume contains over 13,000 informational entries.

The most efficient way to describe this book is to briefly describe the contents of each chapter:

Chapter 1—National and International Organizations, contains the name, address and activities of 887 organizations and professional societies that are related to the legal field.

Chapter 2—Bar Associations, lists the name, address, telephone number and publications available for the local and state bar associations throughout the United States and Canada.

Chapter 3—Bar Examination and Admission to Legal Practice Requirements. This chapter describes the various state's bar examination requirements and also details the requirements for admission to legal practice in each of the states. In addition to the several states, this chapter includes data for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Chapter 4—Federal Court System. Beginning with the Supreme Court of the United States, and progressing down through the various courts, this chapter provides the name and address of each court and the names of the judges associated with each court at the date of publication.

Chapter 5—Highest State Courts, covers the highest appellate court in each state. Information provided includes the address of each court and the current judges assigned to the court.

Chapter 6—Federal Regulatory Agencies, details the name, ad-

dress, phone number and primary function for seventy-eight federal agencies that are concerned with creating and interpreting regulations.

Chapter 7—Law Schools, lists the law schools by state and provides addresses, degrees offered and source of accreditation.

Chapter 8—Continuing Legal Education, describes continuing education opportunities in each state.

Chapter 9—Paralegal Education, describes sources of paralegal training, by city within each state.

Chapter 10—Scholarships and Grants, focuses on sources of support for specialized study or research in the legal field.

Chapter 11—Awards and Prizes, details sources of recognition, honors, distinctions, awards and prizes for research, writing or other achievement in the field of law.

Chapter 12—Special Libraries. This section lists the address and telephone number for law libraries throughout the United States and Canada. The section is arranged by city within state and includes restrictions on each library's use.

Chapter 13—Information Systems and Services, provides details about computerized information systems and data processing services.

Chapter 14—Research Centers, lists the name, address and major activities for various research organizations.

Chapter 15—Legal periodicals. This section provides the name and address for 5,475 legal periodicals.

Chapter 16—Book and Media Publishers, lists the name and address for trade publishers who focus on the legal field.

Chapter 17—Speakers Bureaus, details organizations that provide, arrange or coordinate speakers within various legal specialties, or on the field of law in general.

Chapter 18—Lawyer Referral Services. This chapter provides the name, address and telephone number for referral services by location within each state.

Chapter 19—Legal Aid Offices. Arranged by location within each state, this chapter details information about available legal aid sources.

Chapter 20—Public Defenders Offices. This chapter is arranged by city within each state.

Chapter 21—Legislative Manuals and Registers, lists sources of legislative journals, manuals or registers within each state.

Chapter 22—Small Claims Courts, provides a listing of the rules used in small claims court in each state.

Chapter 23—Corporations Departments of States. This section provides the address of each state's department of corporations.

These chapters are sorted either alphabetically or by state. Many of the sections that are in state order are further subdivided by city. Those chapters that are not alphabetically sorted are followed by an alphabetical listing of the entries in that section. This format makes finding data most efficient since minimal time is spent searching for the desired information.

This volume is a valuable tool for anyone interested in locating legal and law related information. The only drawback to this book is its propensity to become outdated *rather* quickly.

Don't Get Married Until You Read This—A Layman's Guide to Prenuptial Agreements. By David Saltman and Harry Schaffner. New York, N.Y.: Barron's Educational Services, Inc. 1989. Pp. xi + 202. Softbound. \$9.95.

Don't Get Married Until You Read This is a unique publication that serves as a resource to both legal practitioners and users of legal services. In providing a guideline for individuals to use when considering marriages, and related agreements, the book also provides a series of issues for the attorney to consider.

Following a brief introduction to prenuptial agreements, this book responds to six important issues that should be considered when thinking of marriage, particularly in view of the later ages at which people get married and the number of second marriages that occur in our society. The issues that the book suggests require the most attention are: conflict of law, interfaith marriage, children from prior marriages, taxes, estate planning and discussing this topic with a fiancé.

The next section of the book examines the relationship that should exist between the client and the attorney. This section is primarily a how to primer to teach lay persons why, and how, to deal with an attorney.

The next sections of *Don't Get Married Until You Read This* include nine brief case histories, a listing of important questions and answers and a listing of related dos and don'ts. The final section of the book is an eighty-eight page appendix that provides sample agreements covering all aspects of prenuptial agreements such as complete agreements, spousal support provisions and provisions for care of children.

This book is quite easy to read while covering many areas of marriage that are frequently neglected. It would be an ideal addition

to any law library, particularly for those who are active in family law. Also, at its low price, this book would be a good tool to provide to clients who may need prenuptial agreements or similar assistance.

The Law of Student Expulsions and Suspensions. By Lawrence F. Rossow. Topeka, Kan.: National Organization on Legal Problems Of Education, 1989. Pp. 59. Softbound. \$12.95.

This book is a brief monograph focusing on the procedural aspects of student suspensions in elementary and secondary public schools. The book examines the differences between long-term suspensions or expulsions and short-term suspensions. Long-term was defined in the book as anything exceeding ten days.