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Alternative Sentencing. By Andrew R. Klein. Cincinnati, Oh: Anderson Publishing Co. 1988. Pp. xiv + 341. Soft Cover. \$25.00.

Alternative Sentencing is a carefully considered challenge to the traditional notion that imprisonment is the only appropriate way for society to respond to criminals. This theoretical foundation is established in general terms in the book's introductory chapter. The remainder of the book consists of careful analysis of various propositions supporting his thesis.

Each of the book's chapters focuses on a particular sub-theme of alternative sentencing, dealing with such matters as probation, restitution, community work service, monetary sanctions, mandatory treatment, incapacitation, enforcement and evaluation of alternative sentences. One of the book's most interesting chapters is entitled "Examples of Alternative Sentences." This chapter goes into great detail, offering creative alternatives for sentencing in certain criminal categories, including some crimes, such as sexual assault and arson, which would not instinctively be considered in an alternative sentencing context.

There is a uniform theme throughout *Alternative Sentencing*, which is the cornerstone of the book's credibility. The theme is this: It is possible for a society to deal with crime and criminals in such a way as to benefit rather than to burden the society. To achieve this end, the author promotes "punishment to fit the crime," he encourages criminal sentencing which results in the convicted criminal paying a productive debt to society, rather than one spent languishing in inactivity. Where possible, the author favors sentencing which results in restitution for the specific injustices caused by the crime.

Alternative Sentencing is a book which anyone involved in the field of criminal justice will find most interesting and enlightening.

American Family Law in Transition. By Walter O. Weyrauch and Sanford N. Katz. Washington D.C.: The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., 1983. Pp. xix + 629. Hardbound. \$48.00

In the past two decades, the area of family law has been one of the most volatile in the legal arena. Issues have confronted our courts which would have been unimaginable in the not too distant past. For this reason, *American Family Law in Transition* is both timely and well named.

Although the subject matter dealt with in the book is broad, special attention is paid to the most recent developments and the most potentially uncertain areas of family law. Examples of this include chapter subheadings such as "Group Marriage," "Freedom to Prevent Conception" and "Transsexual Marriage."

The book is organized in classic "case book" format. Within each chapter, the authors' comments occur only after several pertinent cases have been reprinted. The cases have been selected from a mix of various state and federal jurisdictions. Therefore, the family law practitioner may find the book helpful only in a general way.

The Construction Arbitration Handbook. By James Acret. Colorado Springs, Colo: Shepard's/McGraw-Hill, Inc. 1985. Pp. xix + 375. Hardbound. \$22.00.

This book is of a much broader significance than the title may suggest. Nearly every modern construction contract includes an arbitration clause, so a thorough knowledge of the arbitration process is essential for any attorney who practices in the field of construction law.

This book covers all aspects of arbitration, from the formation of an arbitration clause to the actual arbitration process. Considerable emphasis is also given to the historical development of arbitration, and its prominent role in the construction industry. The book is organized according to various elements of construction arbitration with the most material occurring under the headings "Enforceability of Arbitration Agreements" and "Conduct of Hearings."

A book such as this is essential for the practitioner of construction law, and the *Construction Arbitration Handbook* appears to be an excellent choice.