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BOOKS RECEIVED

A Different Justice: Reagan and the Supreme Court. By Elder Witt. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Inc. 1986. Pp. vii + 208. Soft Cover. \$11.95.

The relationship between the President of the United States and the United States Supreme Court is defined by the Constitution primarily to the extent of the President's power of appointment.¹ Beyond this limited relationship, the interaction between the President and the Court has changed and been recharacterized with the passage of 200 years. *A Different Justice* seeks to introduce a broad understanding of the status and direction of this relationship and focuses on President Reagan and the United States Supreme Court.

Observing that "the Court does not stand still to have its portrait painted," Elder Witt has produced an enlightening and insightful set of vignettes from which the reader might fully appreciate the gravity of "Reagan's campaign for a different brand of justice." Witt, in eight fast reading and objective chapters, paints enough to capture a greater whole: the first depicts the themes of President Reagan's campaign to curb judicial activism; the second provides a brief history of the Court and its relationship to past presidents; the third outlines Reagan's appointment of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and her confirmation by the senate; the fourth captures O'Connor's votes and views while in the post of associate justice; the fifth chapter introduces the current court;² the sixth sets out the Reagan Administration's challenges and losses in 1981-82; the seventh details some Reagan victories in 1983-84; and the eighth and final chapter looks ahead to the future of the court under Reagan, both in regard to issues for challenge and likely candidates for appointment.

A Different Justice did not predict the recent resignation of Chief Justice Warren Burger or discuss the possible appointment of Justice Rehnquist to the position of Chief Justice. Antonin Scalia, however, was described as the "brightest star" (p. 149) in the context

1. U.S. CONST. art. II, § 2.

2. This does not include the recent resignation of Chief Justice Burger, Justice Rehnquist's appointment as Chief Justice, or the appointment of Antonin Scalia.

of possible Reagan appointments among a comprehensive list of other candidates. Hence, the work does not say sooth concerning the Supreme Court or Reagan's activities. It does successfully introduce the major challenges brought before the High Court by the Reagan Administration, the arguments propounded, the factors influencing the court, and the results obtained. The work provides an excellent overview of the past and present Supreme Court and paints with detail Reagan's goals as he attempts to shape the law of the land.

Alternatives to Criminal Courts. By Tony F. Marshall. Brookfield, VT: Grower Publishing Co. 1985. Pp. v + 310. Hard Cover. \$33.95.

This work seeks to remove some of the confusion and mystery surrounding the alternatives to criminal dispute resolution through sanctions calling for restitution. While *Alternatives to Criminal Courts* is primarily concerned with an academic review of policies and programs, the most valuable aspect of the work is its comprehensive collection of methodologies and the resource such a survey provides to policy makers and practitioners alike.

The structure of Mr. Marshall's book further lends itself to this purpose. Rather than looking at the applications of particular methods of resolution, or at the methods applied to particular crimes, the work focuses on general circumstances to which different methods have been applied. That is, the book looks to individual or institutional activities, to the community, to areas where public agencies are involved, and to law enforcement. The methods discussed range from arbitration and mediation to less traditional police activities such as spot fines and preventative arrests.

Because alternatives to traditional criminal prosecution have been slow in coming but have exploded in recent years, many of the methods discussed are more like proposals than case studies. For the same reasons, the book is often a consideration of policy rather than practice. However, the work is informative and interesting, and in these days of overburdened dockets, a text on alternatives to traditional methods of criminal treatment is welcome.

ADDITIONAL BOOKS RECEIVED

Legal Aspects of Asbestos Abatement. By Kristin Olson. Topeka, KA: National Organization on Legal Problems of Education. 1986. Pp. 1 + 27. Soft Cover. \$5.95 members - \$6.95 non-members.

Strike Dispute Procedures, and Arbitration: Essays on Labor

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Law. By William B. Gould, IV. Westport, CN: Greenwood Press.
1985. Pp. viii + 313. Hard Cover. \$39.95.

