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## BOOKS RECEIVED

**Attorney Malpractice: Law and Procedure.** By David J. Meiselman. Rochester: The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. 1980. xv + 516. Hardbound. \$47.50.

The author intends this book to serve as a preventative, rather than curative, instrument to "be read quietly and carefully, in the absence of pressure due to a pending malpractice action." It is a compilation of judicial decisions, interpreted and synthesized in a well organized, hornbook-like format. The book begins by examining the attorney-client relationship and the attendant duties and standards of care. It branches out into a discussion of the practical aspects of bringing or defending a malpractice suit, including pleadings, damages and statute of limitations. Of particular usefulness, the book focuses on specialized standards of care in such areas as securities, real estate, criminal, domestic relations and tax law. Attorneys will find this to be a thorough and structured discussion of the subject matter. In light of this rapidly changing area of law, however, the author offers a valid caveat: the book raises the major issues in attorney malpractice law, but provides few of the answers.

**California Real Property Sales Transactions.** Ed. by Gordon Graham and Craig H. Scott. Berkeley, CA: California Continuing Education of the Bar. 1981. Pp. xiv + 868. Hardbound. \$75.

This publication provides an excellent update of its 1967 predecessor. The authors include an array of expert California real property practitioners. The book advises attorneys for buyers and sellers in residential or commercial settings, examining in detail each step of the real estate transaction. Key chapters focus on brokers agreements, drafting the purchase and sale contract, financing the purchase and closing the sale. These discussions are supplemented by annotated forms including listing agreements, option contracts, grant deeds and

escrow instructions. Of special interest, a chapter on financing has been inserted to educate practitioners as to the new alternative mortgage instruments that have developed in response to fluctuating interest rates. This book is an essential reference tool for those involved in advising, structuring and negotiating real estate transactions.

**Justice As Fairness: Perspectives on the Justice Model.** Ed. by David Fogel and Joe Hudson. Cincinnati, Ohio: Anderson Publishing Co. 1981. Pp. xi + 297. Softcover. \$14.95.

The editors of this book draw upon articles from criminologists, penologists and sociologists to explore new methods of dealing with the sentenced criminal. The authors support a common sense approach to the problem instead of the value-laden dogma of the past. Recognizing the reality of diminishing government resources, this book advocates restructuring the correctional establishment. Its goal is to limit harm to the individual in the prison environment and to produce responsible citizens within the democratic context. The essays urge the abandonment of coerced universal rehabilitation of inmates, increased emphasis on prisoner involvement in the penal system, strict maintenance of constitutionally mandated standards in prisons and the use of the private sector as an alternative to government-operated training programs. This collection of essays is designed primarily for the penologist and legislator, but is also of interest for anyone involved in the criminal justice process.

**The Politics of Privacy, Computers, and Criminal Justice Records: Controlling the Social Costs of Technological Change.** By Donald A. Marchand. Arlington, VA: Information Resources Press. 1980. Pp. xvi + 433. Hardbound. \$34.95.

This book provides a comprehensive examination of the social costs incurred by the use of computerized information recordkeeping systems in criminal justice agencies. The social impacts occur in areas of privacy, due process and restriction of social, political and economic opportunities. The author concludes that the prevailing policymaking process does not adequately protect citizens from misuse or abuse of criminal

justice records. He weighs the possible deleterious effects with the need for accurate and complete records which are accessible to criminal justice agencies. This assessment of political and administrative implications of "computer age" effects in government agencies is a persuasive plea to social scientists. It also provides excellent insights for those interested in the social problems concomitant with new technology.

*Additional Books Received*

**California Juvenile Court Practice—Delinquent Minors, Volume I.** Ed. by Anne Harris. Berkeley, CA: California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB). 1981. Pp. xvi + 554. Hardbound. \$60.00

**Dictionary of Current American Legal Citations, Abridged Edition with Examples.** Compiled and edited by Doris M. Bieber. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co. 1981. Pp. 233. Softcover. \$6.50.

**Military Rules of Evidence Manual.** By Stephen A. Saltzburg, Lee D. Schninosi and David A. Schlueter. Charlottesville, VA: Michie Bobbs-Merrill Law Publishing. 1981. Pp. xvii + 488. Hardbound. \$35.00.

**The Supreme Court Review—1980.** Ed. by Philip B. Kurland and Gerhard Casper. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press. 1981. Pp. vii + 368. Hardbound. \$30.00.

**Urban Law.** Compiled by Thomas P. Murphy. Volume 11 in the Urban Studies Information Guide Series. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Company. 1980. Pp. xxv + 320. Hardbound. \$38.00.

**The Yearbook of School Law 1980.** Ed. by Philip K. Piele. Topeka, KS: National Organization on Legal Problems of Education. 1980. Pp. 345. Hardbound. \$14.95.

