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## BOOKS RECEIVED

**Guide to the United States Supreme Court.** Ed. by Elder Witt. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc. 1979. Pp. xxii + 1022. Hardbound. \$65.00.

As a constitutional law reference volume, the Congressional Quarterly's *Guide* to the United States Supreme Court is exceptional. The *Guide* presents an interesting historical perspective on the Court and its Justices, but it is more. The book is comprehensive and well-documented, providing immediate access to contemporary Supreme Court decisions in every conceivable area of constitutional law. Each section of the work is enjoyable reading, the authors weave relevant decisions into the fabric of current social, political, and economic events without once sacrificing deep and apparently objective coverage of the law.

**New Horizons in International Law.** By T.O. Elias. Dobbs Ferry, NY: Oceana Publications. 1979. Pp. xxii + 260. Hardbound. \$36.00.

T.O. Elias, a judge in the International Court of Justice and formerly Chief Justice of Nigeria, examines developments in public international law that have emerged during the past thirty years. The book is divided into three sections, the first examines contributions of Asia and Africa to contemporary international law. This section also includes a retrospective analysis of the Vienna Convention on the law of Treaties (May 23, 1969). The second section examines the International Court of Justice in its role as highest judicial organ of the United Nations. Included here is a case study that depicts the international judicial process. Lastly, developments in the field of international human rights are discussed with a perspective on international conventions and the developing Third World.

**California Title Insurance Practice.** By John Littosack. Berkeley, CA: California Continuing Education of the Bar.

1980. Pp. ix + 162. Hardbound. \$35.00.

Written for attorneys, this concise CEB source book explains the various types of title insurance policies, the insuring process, title reports, guarantees and endorsements, the role of escrow agents, and industry regulations. Using a preventive law approach to title insurance problems, Mr. Litosack describes the available title company services and comments on the selection of an insurer, the preliminary title report, negotiating coverage, and special considerations for the attorney representing lender and purchaser. The appendix includes forms for all of the currently used title insurance policies, reports, guarantees, and endorsements prepared by the American Land Title Association and California Land Title Association.

**California Family Law Handbook.** By L. Ryder Mason. Los Angeles, CA: Parker & Sons Publications, Inc. 1980. Pp. 459. Hardbound. \$36.00.

Designed for the general practitioner and family law specialist alike, this handbook contains a useful overview of family law and an appendix of the relevant code sections and necessary California forms. The subject matter coverage is broad, spanning marriage and cohabitation, nullity, separation, dissolution and its tax consequences, spousal and child support, child custody and visitation, division of property, and pension and retirement plans. In addition, the author presents step-by-step procedural guides and checklists for initial client interviews, venue selection, and hearings. Also included are the latest Judicial Council forms that apply to child support, attorney fees and costs, domestic violence or harassment, and dissipation of community assets.

**Real Estate Law.** By Benjamin N. Henszey and Ronald M. Friedman. Boston, MA: Warren, Gorham & Lamont. 1979. Pp. xxii + 383. Hardbound. \$16.50.

Mssrs. Henszey and Friedman have, in this book, taken a practical approach to real property law clarifying sometimes difficult sub-areas with the aid of diagrams and charts. The authors discuss the legal ramifications of ownership and possession of real property, covering future interests, vegetation, lateral support, water rights, nuisance, trespass, and waste.

Other chapters include transfer of interests, title and title protection, real estate financing, deeds, leases, cooperatives, and condominiums. Additionally, the book addresses related tax issues and government regulation of real property transactions.

*Additional Books Received*

**Trial Attorney's Evidence Code Notebook— Annotated. 2nd Ed.**

Berkeley, CA: California Continuing Education of the Bar, 1979. Looseleaf Notebook. Pp. xxii + 444. \$25.00.

**Housing Justice in Small Claims Court.** By John C. Rhunka. Williamsburg, VA: Publications Department, National Center for State Courts. 1979. Pp. xxviii 140. Paperback. \$6.00.

**Long Term Health Care and the Law. 1979 Health Law Update.** Both edited by Jonathan W. Skiba. Washington, DC: Panel Publishers. 1979/1980. Pp. approximately 200 each. Softbound. \$25.95 each.

**Small Boat Law (and 1979 supplement).** By Herbert L. Markow. Miami, FL: Herbert L. Markow. 1977. Pp. approximately 420, supplement approximately 140. Softbound. \$25.00.

