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## BOOKS RECEIVED

**Living Together, Married or Single: Your Legal Rights.** By Nora Lavori. New York: Harper & Row. 1976. Pp. 255. Paper. \$2.45.

This book is designed as an insightful guide for couples who are considering living together as opposed to being married. In a readable question and answer format, the author examines the numerous legal and societal problems faced by the unmarried cohabiting couple, including their dealings with the local community and each other. For example, one chapter points out how the income tax system favors the marriage with the stay-at-home wife over single people, unmarried couples living together, and married couples with both spouses working. In addition, problems involving children, property effects of a prior divorce, employment, public benefits and insurance are also discussed.

**California Courtroom Practice & Procedure.** By Robert L. Shaw. Tiburon, California: Lawpress Corporation. 1976. Pp. viii + 603. Looseleaf. \$37.50.

This manual on how to handle various criminal and civil proceedings should prove particularly valuable for lawyers with limited courtroom experience. Written by an experienced superior court judge, the book is full of advice on how to successfully conduct a trial with the caveat that the most important attribute of an outstanding trial attorney is knowledge of the law. In addition, two subdivisions deal with many pretrial and post-trial matters plus family law, juvenile court and probate proceedings. There is also an extensive compilation of sample documents covering virtually every matter an attorney would need to bring before a court.

**Financing California Businesses.** Edited by Edward D. Giacomini. Berkeley, California: California Continuing Education of the Bar. 1976. Pp. xi + 541. Cloth. \$52.50.

*Financing California Businesses* provides a detailed look at how to assist a client in the procuring of venture capital, and the structuring of the financing of his transaction. This informative reference for business lawyers includes information on investment agreements and securities regulation with the appropriate forms and commentary on them. Additionally, it provides an in depth discussion of alternatives to financing

with venture capital and the agreements necessary to implement these alternatives.

**"Illegal But Not Criminal," Business Crime in America.** By John E. Conklin. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1977. Pp. xiii + 153. Paper. \$3.95. Cloth. \$8.95.

This sociological study of business crime defines it as an illegal act, punishable by a criminal sanction, which is committed by an individual or a corporation in the course of a legitimate occupation or pursuit in the industrial or commercial sector. After analyzing public opinion studies and the economic, psychological and sociological ramifications of business crime, the author outlines the failure of the criminal justice system to deal with the problems raised by it. In light of this failure, the author proposes some suggestions for reforming the criminal justice system's approach to business crime, such as stiffer punishments to supplant the traditional leniency shown business offenders.

**How to Go Directly into Solo Law Practice (Without Missing a Meal).** By Gerald M. Singer. Rochester, N.Y.: Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Co. 1976. Pp. 604. Cloth. \$16.00.

This book examines the various techniques which can be utilized to develop a thriving solo legal practice, making it a useful tool for the budding sole practitioner. Specifically, the author discusses the two methods for starting a solo practice: the time space plan in which the new lawyer trades hours of his time for an office and the off-fall program in which the new lawyer rents an office in a multi-lawyer suite. He also supplies useful information on how to manage the office and get potential clients off the phone and into the fold.

**The Last Exam.** By Timothy Takata. Roslyn Heights, New York: Libra Publishers, Inc. 1977. Pp. 120. Cloth. \$6.95.

This engaging, mildly sexist novelette is about one student's reactions to finishing law school, taking the bar exam, and becoming an attorney. Although rather melodramatic, it attempts to answer the question of what the whole process really means and provides an evening's entertainment.