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BASIC CORPORATE TAXATION. By *Douglas A. Kahn*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: The Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1973. Pp. xxii, 513. \$20.00. This book is a concise treatise covering many of the basic aspects and intricacies of the federal taxation of corporate entities. Intended primarily for both tax students and the non-tax specialist, it includes such topics as the tax implications of corporate transfers on both the shareholder and the corporation, the taxation of corporate organization and reorganization, and the overall tax treatment of closely held corporations. Written in a manner which offers the material in a clear and easy-to-read format, it is a work that has successfully surveyed a complex area of the law in one comprehensive but manageable volume.

CREDIT UNIONS. Edited by *Stephen S. Feldman*. Hempstead: Hofstra University Yearbook of Business, 1974. Pp. xi, 489. \$12.00. This volume is a carefully planned collection of scholarly essays concerned with the historical development, general office management and overall financial administration of the credit union. As part of a project designed to develop efficient operating procedures for the establishment and day-to-day functioning of a "limited income credit union," this book closely analyzes a systematized approach to sound fiscal regulation and further documents several of the credit union's special financial services. Of particular interest are extended bibliographies relative to each section of interest, as well as a set of conclusions and recommendations for several of the important issues explored by the book.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AMERICA. Edited by *George Brinkman*. Lawrence, Kansas: The University of Kansas Press, 1974. Pp. x, 140. \$8.50. During the last few years many of the agricultural, economic, demographic and land use problems in the rural sector of our country have been brought to the forefront of the many major challenges facing our government. Based on a series of seminars presented by the Department of Economics at Kansas State University, the material in this book examines these issues in three general areas of concern which include: the general nature of rural development, the social and economic condition of

rural America and rural development alternatives. Offering itself as an "integrated approach" to rural development, this work's essays analyze topics ranging from rural-urban migration and educational opportunities provided through various federal assistance programs, to the phenomenon of rural poverty.

JUSTICES AND PRESIDENTS. By *Henry J. Abraham*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974. Pp. ix, 310. \$10.00. A well written and closely documented work, this book analyzes the basic relationships between the President and the men appointed to the High Court throughout our nation's history. Commencing with an analysis of the methods utilized for appointment to the Court, the book examines the objective qualifications that the one hundred justices have had at the time of their elevation to the bench. Evaluating the collective motivating criteria used by our Chief Executives in making nominations to the Court, the author explores several of the more prominent Court appointees' performances as justices relative to Presidential expectations and further suggests several innovative plans for alternative methods of selection.

THE LAW OF THE SEA OF THE ARCTIC WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CANADA. By *Donat Pharand*. Ottawa: The University of Ottawa Press, 1973. Pp. xxii, 367. \$15.00. The increasing interest in the oil-rich reserves in the Arctic region, coupled with an advanced technology which now allows people relatively free access into this inhospitable terrain has prompted the government of Canada to take several steps to solidify its territorial control over her interests within the Arctic Circle. Professor Pharand examines the legal ramifications of these developments and analyzes several pertinent questions ranging from the legal status of the waters of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, to the international legal validity of Canadian legislative attempts to control pollution in the Arctic. Analyzing the physiography of the Arctic Continental Shelf and Seabed and further exploring the concept of the "Historic Waters" of the Arctic with various maps, photographs and diagrams, the book concludes with several recommendations concerning the geographical determination of the Arctic area by the five nations bordering on the region.

IMPEACHMENT: A HANDBOOK. By *Charles L. Black, Jr.* New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press, 1974. Pp. ix, 80. \$1.95, paper; \$5.95, cloth. In the heat of the impeachment crisis last summer, Yale University Press released this book "for the citizen," in order to provide Americans with a manageable guide concerning the procedures and legal details of the impeachment process. Brief and written in a non-legalese style, Professor Black's guide explores the relationship between the congressional impeachment process and possible judicial review by the courts, and as well, closely analyzes the meaning of the term "impeachable offense." The book concludes with a chapter dealing with several potential congressional controls on presidential power which could be wielded so as to avoid the specter of impeachment in the future. Although its main thrust was directed toward the specifics of the Nixon impeachment process, this book will provide a worthwhile resource document for scholars probing the problem for years to come.

PROPHETS WITH HONOR. By *Alan Barth.* New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1974. Pp. xiv, 254, xii. \$7.95. This work's stated purpose is an analysis of six historic and ultimately vindicated dissenting opinions to six majority decisions rendered by the United States Supreme Court. Its main thrust is that the dissent is, in effect, a prophecy for future jurists and litigants to consider in shaping later judgments in different settings and circumstances. Commencing with a general overview of the purposes of the dissenting opinion in American jurisprudence, the author explores dissents specifically involving basic civil liberties, such as John Harlan the elder's arguments regarding racial equality in *Plessy v. Ferguson* and Louis Brandeis now oft-cited opinion concerning wiretapping and privacy in *Olmstead v. United States*. Also examined in this volume are the *Minersville School District v. Gobitis* dissent of Harlan Fiske Stone, the two famous dissents of Mr. Justice Black in *Betts v. Brady* and *Colgrave v. Green*, and the *Dennis v. United States* dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Douglas. The book concludes with an absorbing chapter which discusses the overall effect and juridical future of the dissent in modern constitutional law.

SECURITIES LAW PRACTICE. By *Thomas Arthur, et al.* Springfield, Illinois: Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education,

1973. Pp. xv, 998. \$42.00. Designed primarily for the practicing attorney interested in a concise but in depth discussion of the problems and procedures encountered in a securities issuance, this volume explores the application of federal statutory securities regulation and state "Blue Sky" laws (with an emphasis on the Illinois situation) involved in such a corporate decision. Covering such related problems as public offerings, mergers, insiders, tender offers and civil liabilities for SEC violators, as well as offering a readily comprehensible and practical guide for legal conduct in this area, this loose leaf book with current revisions is a work of significance for those interested in securities regulation.

UNREAL ESTATE. By *Anthony Wolff*. San Francisco: The Sierra Club, 1973. Pp. xiii, 290. \$7.95. Presenting itself as a hard hitting attack on the unconscionable business practices of the "fast buck land subdividers of our era," this book is a concise but dramatic handbook of real estate speculation in this country today. The author commences with a close examination of the pressure selling tactics of land developers in marketing subdivided properties to unwitting and susceptible buyers and then thoroughly analyzes the fraud and deception used by mammoth corporate conglomerates in causing the wholesale destruction of our deserts, seacoasts and landscapes. The book concludes with a chapter entitled, "Save the Land, Save the People," in which the author offers several innovative proposals to effectuate rational and orderly land use planning.

WOE UNTO YOU, LAWYERS. By *Fred Rodell*. Brooklyn: Pageant-Poseidon, Ltd., 1939 (republished 1972). Pp. xii, 184. \$6.50. First published more than thirty-five years ago, this witty but pungent attack on the unnecessary intricacies, blaring inconsistencies and apparent "hocus-pocus" mythology of "THE LAW" in American society, still makes for exciting reading. Taking apart the fabric of the lawyer's "gobbledegook" talk as well as destroying the facade of the seeming logic behind the law, Professor Rodell's stated purpose was, "to demonstrate to the hilt that the whole of The Law is a hoax, a balloon, a lot of empty words" and further to illus-

trate in popular layman's terms the obvious inexactitude of which is purported to be a definite science. Of particular interest in this volume is the author's humorous but all too true chapter of the "incubators of the Law"—the American Law School—in which the procedure of teaching legal neophytes the principles of "the racket of the law" is explored.

PAPERBACKS

WORK RELEASE: THE NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM. By *Carol S. Whelan* and *Margery L. Cross*. New York: Community Service Society of New York, 1974. Pp. 26. Gratis.

HEALTH LEGISLATION IN NEW YORK STATE. By *Eleanor D. Marshall*. New York: Community Service Society of New York, 1974. Pp. 35. Gratis.

THE KENNEDY-MILLS BILL. By *Eveline M. Burns*. New York: The Community Service Society of New York, 1974. Pp. 34. Gratis.

