

## Book Reviews: Cases and Materials on Trusts and Estates, by Richard R. Powell

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## BOOK REVIEWS

*Cases and Materials on Trusts and Estates.* By Richard R. Powell, Professor of Law at Columbia University Law School. Published by West Publishing Co. of St. Paul, (1932). (Two volumes.)

Volume 1 contains 1,027 pages in addition to the preface, table of contents, table of statutes and table of cases. The binding is blue fabrikoid and the type, including the fine print of the footnotes, is excellent.

The author has departed from the conventional purely casebook presentation in favor of a liberal interpolation of text materials and leading law review articles. The cases are extremely well edited so that the usual redundant chaff is eliminated making available the greatest amount of useful material in the minimum space. This overcomes the criticism of the older type of casebook in which the student was vaguely suspicious that he was required to struggle through many unnecessary pages to discover the desired kernel of legal learning. In line with this time saving there has been given sufficient of the facts and the results in the cases in the footnotes to be useful without a reference to the originals.

The plan underlying this volume and the one to follow has as its aim the unification of the courses usually given under the titles of *Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests*, and the consequent cutting down of the time necessary for their presentation as well as a better understanding by the student of their content. There is no doubt no clear cleavage between these courses at certain points and this selection of cases furnishes a convenient basis for an experiment upon presenting them together. There of course must exist a divergence of opinion upon the advisability of omission of material upon certain subjects usually considered in the traditional subjects herein combined, but it seems that the cases defining a trust and distinguishing it from certain other legal concepts are almost indispensable.

From the standpoint of the choice of a professor to present these courses in this new form, some difficulty may be encountered due to the fact that no less than four hours per week throughout the year would be adequate, and some schedule inconvenience may arise but these are matters that can be met in the individual schools if the innovation is found by experience to be sufficiently valuable to warrant the necessary adjustments.

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*Cases on Air Law.* By Carl Zollmann, Professor of Law, Marquette University. Published by West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn. (1932). (612 pages.)

Professor Carl Zollmann, one of America's pioneer authors on aviation law and an authority on aeronautical legislation, has made another worthwhile contribution to the somewhat barren field of air law. His most recent book, *Cases on Air Law*, second edition, published in 1932, by West Publishing Company, covers, and comprehensively so, both aviation and radio. It fills a need that can only be supplied by one who, like Professor Zollmann, has had experience in

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