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BOOK REVIEWS


A great mass of today's litigation in the tort field centers about the various workmen's compensation and related acts. Mr. Horovitz and his associates in the National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys, a group of plaintiffs' attorneys in compensation cases, have set to the task of reviewing and discussing in the pages of this semi-annual work, now in its sixth volume, the trends and developments in this ever expanding field. Sub-classifying the general area of employers' liability into the four principal divisions of workmen's compensation, railroad, admiralty and general personal injury law, the editors have attacked the problem mainly through the presentation and discussion of recently decided cases. The resulting work is an exhaustive coverage of the field on a nation-wide scale from the standpoint of the substantive law involved in addition to the procedural and evidentiary aspects of the problem. Noteworthy also is the complete treatment of the questions of damages and awards.

It is obvious from the most cursory examination of the book that the editors do not pretend to be disinterested third parties merely observing the trends in this branch of the law for purposes of objective analysis. They are, and they do not attempt to hide the fact that they are, plaintiffs' attorneys primarily concerned with advancing the cause of the injured worker. The discussion of the cases is entirely from that point of view, and the reader is constantly aware of the position taken by the editors. Decisions unfavorable to the claimant are freely criticized in a frank manner, while favorable decisions are praised with an enthusiasm reflecting the zeal of the writer. Legislation is analyzed and commented upon in the same manner. However, the editors have not allowed themselves to lose sight of the fact that the work is primarily one of legal research, and the quality of it as such has not suffered materially on account of the bias shown.

While the Journal is primarily published for plaintiffs' attorneys in compensation and related cases, and others in the field might disagree with the opinions of the editors, it would seem to be invaluable to all attorneys who desire a compact, comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of the law regarding employees' rights in personal injury cases.

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