Jones on Evidence in Civil Cases

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The second edition of *Eaton on Equity* has been well edited by Professor Throckmorton; beyond additions of the subject of labor disputes and of unfair competition it is merely a new edition. The same plan and treatment are preserved. There was necessity for a new edition as this text on Equity has always been extremely popular with students on account of the clarity of statement and the fact that the whole field of equity is attempted to be covered within the space of six hundred odd pages. As a résumé it is unusually well done. The present editor has included illustrative cases of recent date and abstracts them with clearness and accuracy. As an original text on equity to be used by a student without more, it is too scant; doubtful questions are dismissed with but a word and there is practically no discussion of fundamental rules. Equity, its entire field including Trusts, Suretyship, Mortgages, Fraud and Mistake, is covered within too narrow a space to really be an original text. As however, a summary to review principles supposedly laboriously thought out and thought through it is very clear and inclusive. It is to be regretted that the distinguished editor felt himself bound to follow the original plan with mere editing and including modern subjects instead of presenting his own discussions of the more difficult problems.

The *Case Book* accompanying the text shows the same discriminating care in the selection of cases which really illustrate the principles under consideration that always characterizes this author's work. There is a minimum of ancient English and a number of recent American cases. This selection will appeal not only to the student but to the teacher who wishes more modern applications of ancient principles than is usually afforded in the standard case books.

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The third edition of this standard work of Justice Jones of the Wisconsin Supreme Court has been edited by the late William Carey Jones dean of the School of Jurisprudence of the University of California who died shortly before the publication of the work. The edition was sorely needed on account of the lapse of sixteen years since the second edition. One feature of the new edition especially to be commended is that the section numbering of the second edition has been preserved so that those practitioners who have been accustomed to use *Jones on Evidence* and are familiar with its section numbering may find the same topics with the modern developments under the same section numbering. Further, this edition has now been brought down to a very handy form, printed on bible paper and does away with bulky form of the previous edition, lending itself easily to use in court as a lawyers' "common Place Book."

This edition is more than a mere edition. It is practically a revision. Not only are the illustrations carried down to date but where in the former edition doubtful questions were presented, these doubts have been resolved, and where a shift in the authorities have occurred such shift is noted and commented upon.

While the text is primarily for the busy practitioner, furnishing ready access to the subject matter of the law of evidence as it exists, it is surprising how much constructive comment is contained within so short a space. The work is valuable and has been well done. It is admirably suited for collateral reading in law schools to accompany such case books as Thayer or Wigmore, where on account of necessity, such comprehensive works as *Wigmore's Treatise* cannot well be assigned as required reading, which is regrettable, Jones can be required, without unduly burdening the student financially or compelling him to take from an already too crowded curriculum an unreasonable amount of time.

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