

Estates in Expectancy (Book Note)

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BOOK NOTE

ESTATES IN EXPECTANCY. By Harold Klorfein. New York: Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corporation, 1958. Pp. 86.

Anyone undertaking to write a book on the subject of future interests should do so with an awareness of the excellence of the works already available in this area. The volumes authored by Gray, Chaplin, Simes, Walsh, Whiteside, Leach and Tudor have set a high and emulative standard of scholarship.

Judged against even a less distinguished background, Professor Klorfein's *Estates in Expectancy* would be more than disappointing. It purports to present "basic and controlling principles from a modern viewpoint, as simply, clearly and concisely as possible." It purports to be a student's aid. However, it falls short of accomplishing either of these objectives. As a matter of fact, students will find their difficulties unresolved, or possibly multiplied, should they use this book without the advantage of skilled and discriminating supervision and direction. The language is at times devious, at times abstruse; some of the dogmatizations are indefensible; some of the examples designed for elucidation of the text are ill-chosen; the chapter on construction is of little or no value.

The book should be promptly revised, especially in view of the recent change in the rule against perpetuities in the State of New York.

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