

# Das Recht der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika. Part 1. Erbrecht und Nachlassbehandlung (Book Review)

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DAS RECHT DER VEREINIGTEN STAATEN VON AMERIKA. Part 1. ERBRECHT UND NACHLASSEBEHANDLUNG. By Carl G. Grossman in collaboration with Eugen Will, Carl L. Schurz and Karl v. Lewinski. DIE ERBSCHAFTSBESTEuerung. By Hans Krüger. Edited by Franz Leske and W. Loewenfeld. Berlin: Carl Heymanns Verlag, 1930, pp. XIV, 349.

If a Berlin *Bürger* thirsts for knowledge of the rules of intestacy of the Indian reservations, he may quench his thirst by looking at page 35 of this volume. If a Prussian *Jurist* would know the rules of intestacy of the Philippine Islands, he may find satisfaction when he reads page 96. His quest for certainty as to the law of inheritance and intestacy of every one of the *Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika* will be attained by reaching out for this volume. Here, too, he will find an open sesame to the inheritance tax laws of the United States—witness the text of the Federal Revenue Act set forth in the appendix (*Anhang*). He may find comfort, solace and peace by examining the tables of the inheritance tax laws of every one of the *Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika*. The inheritance tax tables of the District of Columbia, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands and Puerto Rico have not been forgotten—though I miss in the second part of this volume reference to the inheritance tax laws of the Indian Reservations. Heaven forbid that Congress or the State Legislature amend any of them.

This volume is intended to be a guide to the perplexed respecting the state of the American law of inheritance, intestacy and inheritance taxation. It is intended primarily for home consumption, *i.e.*, for German lawyers and laymen. It took fifty years to prepare and publish it. In the preface we are told of the publisher's difficulties "in the beginning of the 80th year of the last century" to find an author competent for the project. More time was consumed in a recognition of the enormity of the task involved in stating the laws of "the more than 40 states of the Union." After much travail, the manuscript was completed, only, however, to have its appearance intercepted by the Great War. We are told that no printers were then to be had and paper was scarce. In 1930 it made its debut.

We are promised the appearance of like volumes on other aspects of American law. We shall have little cause for complaint if the succeeding volume makes its appearance in 1980. Two such volumes in a century can do but little harm.

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CASES ON AIR LAW. By Carl Zollmann, 2d ed. St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Co., 1932, pp. XVI, 612.

Professor Zollmann pioneered his first edition of *Cases on Air Law* in 1930. Since there has been an amazing development in both aviation and radio law within the past two years the new edition is not only justified but imperative as a means of organizing the large body of new material.

In some quarters complaint is made that there is no relationship between aviation law and radio law, such that both should be compressed within the covers of one book. It must be admitted that there is considerable merit in the