

The Claim Agent and His Work (Book Review)

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THE CLAIM AGENT AND HIS WORK. By Smith R. Brittingham. New York: Ronald Press Company, 1927, pp. 463.

This is an intensive work embracing within one volume a terse resumé of the scope and salient principles of those phases of the Law of Negligence as, in the main, effect, concern or apply to common carriers, particularly steam railroads and affiliated interests. It contains a most exhaustive discussion of the technique employed in the application of these principles.

The psychological, medical and legal phases of claim investigation are completely and ably analyzed and many chapters are devoted to the more common and general problems of claim agency.

In consideration of progress made in regulating the relationship of employer and employee, the author submits a rather elaborate outline of Workmen's Compensation Acts both federal and state; citations of leading authorities appertaining thereto, and economic consideration thereof with complete American Experience Table of Mortality and United States Life Table.

Laws of nation-wide application, such as the Federal Employers Liability Act, Federal Safety Appliance Acts and Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Acts, are treated at great length in three all-inclusive appendices.

A glossary containing such medical and legal terms, words and phrases ordinarily associated with claim work completes a veritable working manual of unquestionable value and practical benefit to those engaged in the prosecution or defense of claims for injuries to persons.

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OUTLINE OF THE LAW OF SALES. By Frederick A. Whitney. New York: 1929, pp. 249.

As was to be expected of the author, he has accomplished in a text book of less than 250 pages what writers on the law of this subject have, in at least two instances, failed to do in from twice to four times that number. That is, to put into the hands of the student a book, lucid in style, definite in statement and yet with enough discussion in substantiation of his conclusions to make the work more than a mere outline. It is, indeed, as thorough a text book as any of those cited therein.

No one who knows the scholarliness of Professor Whitney and the thoroughness of his method in all things, could fail to recognize this book as the work of such a man. With regard to the positions he has chosen to take on controversial matters, a familiarity with the subject far less than his own, makes criticism by this reviewer unwarranted. Nor is there any occasion so to criticize, for the author submits nothing with which this reviewer is not in entire accord.

A peculiarly valuable thing is that both sources of modern sales law are cited, discussed and frequently quoted throughout, namely, the Uniform Sales