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BOOK REVIEW

LAW OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN PENNSYLVANIA

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This volume completes the treatise of the Messrs. Freedman on the Pennsylvania law of Marriage and Divorce, Volume I, which was published in 1939,¹ covered the substantive law of marriage in Part I and divorce and annulment in Part II. Volume II completes Part II with a thorough discussion of the law governing permanent alimony and the award of alimony pendente lite, council fees and expenses as an adjunct to divorce and annulment proceedings.

Part III consists of an exhaustive treatment of practice and procedure in divorce and annulment. The Divorce Law makes scant mention of procedure and therefore, the authors refer frequently to the rules of court, such being generally confined to the Philadelphia Rules, which are comprehensive and have served as guides in other counties. This part of the volume will be extremely helpful to the practicing lawyer as it covers every conceivable aspect of procedure in detail. The young lawyer receiving his first appointment as a Master should not take a step until he has read Chapter XXXIX, which contains a thorough and practical discussion of the duties of a Master and the conduct of the trial before him.

In addition to the purely procedural matters this part of the volume contains a chapter on the rules of evidence that are special to divorce, one on the Conflict of Laws principles applicable to foreign divorce and one on equity control over the marital relationship. Part IV contains a set of III forms and a table thereof, while Part V contains a table of cases and an exceptionally well prepared index for both volumes.

In a review of the first volume² of this treatise your reviewer pointed out that it complied with all the requirements of a good law book. The high excellence of treatment of each topic has been maintained in Volume II and the work is unqualifiedly recommended for every lawyer's library.

F. E. READER.

*Joseph M. Mitchell, Philadelphia, Pa., 1944. Volume II. PP. XVII, 933-1848. \$10.00.

¹Reviewed in XLIV Dickinson Law Review, 56 (Oct. 1939).

²Idem.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENT PROBLEMS

By

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The author of this book, Albert S. Osborn, is well known in the legal field. He has, by his work and writings, created the profession of examiner of questioned documents, and has made the problem of the questioned document a matter of scientific investigation and demonstration.

The book discusses two principal problems of questioned documents: (1) a determination of whether or not a document is genuine, and (2) the proof of this fact in court. It is not intended to take the place of the eminent author's fuller discussion of these subjects in his now well known earlier books, "Questioned Documents" and "The Problem of Proof." Rather the present book covers a preliminary field with more detailed and available discussions.

The Book has been revised and edited by Albert D. Osborn and consists largely of matter which has heretofore appeared in articles in various legal periodicals. It contains much that is valuable in suggesting to the lawyer how he can preliminarily determine for himself whether a document is genuine or not, how he can determine, and select the proper specialist whose assistance he may require, and how he can aid the specialist in bringing out the fact in court and assist him in developing an atmosphere of belief and confidence in the testimony. There are also many valuable hints for the specialist as to his conduct on the witness stand, both on direct and cross examination.

In discussing problems of questioned documents, handwriting, of course, is thoroughly treated, and, in line with progress, the typewriter and its utilization in forgery and fraud are carefully considered. The book is well printed, handsomely bound and has a most readable style. As stated in the introduction by Roscoe Pound, "this book will require thoughtful reading by everyone who is confronted by questions or doubt as to the authenticity of documents," the man who is preparing to become a specialist in the field, as well as the lawyer or judge.

FRED S. REESE.

*Boyd Printing Co., Albany, N. Y., 1944. Pp. xxviii, 486.