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BOOK REVIEW

PENNSYLVANIA EVIDENCE By Maurice H. Brown, Geo. T. Bisel Co., 1949.

This treatise is no more nor less than what the author holds it out to be—a hand-book on the rules of evidence of Pennsylvania. It does not pretend to be a book from which students of law can extract a thorough knowledge of the subject, but is rather one to be used as a quick reference by those who already have a firm knowledge of the rules. By reason of its intended briefness, the rules are set forth with a minimum of words and explanation. There is no attempt to go deeply into the meaning of and reasons for the rules, nor how particular rules may be shaded as to application, depending on the facts to which applied. For this reason and because the book is confined to evidence as applied in Pennsylvania courts, one who does not have a wider knowledge of the subject than it has to offer, might on occasion be misled by its categorical statements as to the rules of evidence.

In spite of its briefness, however, the general rules of Pennsylvania evidence have been covered thoroughly and accurately in simple and concise language, each rule being supported by the leading or latest case applying it. Mr. Brown's book is, therefore, a welcome supplement to former treatises on Pennsylvania evidence, and if periodically kept up to date, should enjoy a wide popularity among lawyers who desire a concise summary of the Pennsylvania rules of evidence.

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