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"WAGE-HOUR LAW: COVERAGE"

By HERMAN A. WECHT, Esq.,

(Published by Joseph M. Mitchell, Philadelphia, Pa., 1951)

Mr. Wecht's recently published book is the first volume of a planned three-volume work on the Fair Labor Standards Act. This first volume deals entirely with the subject of FLSA "coverage". It commences with a brief but informative historical description which leads gracefully into the discussion of the relevant portions of the Act itself.

Although the subject of "Coverage" would not normally seem to be adequate or broad enough to comprise an entire book in itself, the comprehensive treatment and detailed analysis rendered by Mr. Wecht in his work makes it plain that the subject cannot be handled in less than a fair-size volume.

In his work, Mr. Wecht has effectively demonstrated how complex and ramified is the subject of FLSA coverage and has treated the subject expertly and well. Not only are all the cardinal principles of the subject of "Coverage" presented but, as well, adequate treatment is given to the subordinate and collateral rules whose importance in a given case is frequently matched only by the difficulty ferretting them out of the ordinary, but lengthy "services". Such broad and often elusive elements as "goods", "commerce", "produced", "directly essential" and other nebulous provisions of the Act upon which its operation often hinges are dealt with efficiently and in full. Little remains of the subject that has not been considered by the author.

Mr. Wecht's book contains a good and working index and includes the Interpretative Bulletins promulgated by the Wage and Hour Administrator, as well as a full recital of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended. Not only is the book current and the last word on the subject, but it is, to this writer's knowledge, the *only* authoritative work thereon. A careful review of the citations with which the principles presented in the book are authenticated indicates that Mr. Wecht has been exceedingly scrupulous and diligent in this regard.

In all, Mr. Wecht's "Wage-Hour Law" is a book which the writer has no hesitancy commending as an introductory work to either practitioner, teacher or student. As a personal friend of Mr. Wecht, this writer is pleased and proud of the work which Mr. Wecht has done in his book. If the next two volumes maintain the precedent of scholarliness and thoroughness which he has exhibited in his volume, Mr. Wecht will indeed have earned the tribute of "well done".

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TAX SAVINGS IN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, prepared by Bureau of Analysis, Davenport, Iowa: R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company, 1951, pp. IX, 98.

This work was reviewed at time of publication in 55 Dick. Law Rev. 408 which review criticised adversely the binding in which the first volumes were bound. We are pleased to report since the publication of that criticism the original volumes have been recalled and replaced and that the book is now published in a highly durable binding suitable for professional use.

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