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Book Review: Colorado Negligence Digest

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and revocation of licenses, jurisdiction, prosecution, penalization and punishment of traffic offenses. Judge Fisher has included in his book every conceivable phase of our existing traffic laws and regulations. The readable index prompts quick reference.

The author does not pretend to present philosophical or abstract complexities of traffic safety; but instead, he has written a workable practitioner's manual.

Serving as a municipal judge of Lincoln, Nebraska for fourteen years and as Associate Counsel of the Traffic Institute, Northwestern University, for over ten years, Judge Fisher is eminently qualified to author this far-reaching treatise. He has written other books and articles on related subjects. In this most recent work, he has displayed a keen insight into legal, procedural, and constitutional problems faced daily by persons actively concerned with the various aspects of traffic supervision, licensing, enforcement and control.

Vehicle Traffic Law, eight years in preparation, reflects the articulate product of a truly outstanding and dedicated student of the law. From a casual reading, it is apparent that Judge Fisher possesses one of the keenest legal minds in this field in the country today. Trained or untrained, the reader will find this book an aid in understanding the many traffic laws governing the great field of human activity—driving. I commend *Vehicle Traffic Law* highly.

Sherman G. Finesilver*

COLORADO NEGLIGENCE DIGEST. By Richard D. Hall.¹ 1961. Pp. 129. \$10.30.²

This book is a revised successor to Mr. Hall's Colorado Accident Law Digest published in 1950 (now out of print). Your reviewer had the pleasure of writing a book review of the 1950 work³ and there had nothing but high praise for the original book. The new work is even better than its predecessor.

The author has digested all of the Colorado negligence cases reported since 1919, and some selected negligence cases decided prior to that date. In classifying the cases, he has again used what may be described as the "functional approach," i.e., grouping the cases by fact patterns. For instance, Chapter I, entitled "Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicles," is divided into eight subchapters, based upon the fact patterns of accidents. To illustrate: three of such subchapters are entitled "Two Car—Rear End," "Two car—Left Turn" and "Two Car—Head On."

The book contains eight chapters of classified negligence cases, three appendices and a table of cases. The digests of the cases are very brief. The obvious intention of the author is to save the time of the researcher.

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² University of Denver Bookstore, 1825 South York, Denver 10, Colorado.

³ 28 DICTA 118 (March, 1951).

Important also is the author's statement in his preface that the Digest will be kept up to date by biannual supplement sheets.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

1. *Advocacy and the King's English*. Edited by George Rossman. Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., 1960. 976 pages, \$12.50. A collection of treatises on the use of the English language by members of the legal profession.
2. *The Art of Thinking*. By Dagobert D. Runes. New York: Philosophical Library, Inc., 1961. 90 pages, \$2.75. An analytical examination of the role emotional elements play in the formulation of logical propositions.
3. *Expulsion or Oppression of Business Associates*. Prepared by Duke University under the Small Business Administration Management Research Grant Program. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1961. 263 pages, \$10.00. A practical guide to squeeze-out avoidance and dispute settlement for small business, pointing out the tendencies and threats to enterprises of multiple ownership.
4. *The Federalist*. By Gottfried Dietze. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1960. 378 pages, \$6.50. Analysis of the political philosophies of Madison, Hamilton, and Jay as presented in the Federalist Papers.
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6. *The Probation Officer Investigates*. By Paul W. Keve. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota press, 1960. 178 pages, \$4.50. A guide to the preparation of the pre-sentence report.
7. *Trial by Newspaper*. By Harold W. Sullivan. Hyannis, Mass.: The Patriot Press, 1961. 250 pages, \$5.00. A presentation of the question of the influence of newspaper stories and editorials upon the judiciary and juries.

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