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BOOK NOTE

HANDBOOK FOR JUDGES. Compiled and Edited by Donald K. Carroll.
Chicago: American Judicature Society, 1961. Pp. 195. \$3.50.

Donald K. Carroll, Judge of the District Court of Appeal, First District of Florida, has presented in this book a treasure house of materials useful to every judge. Included in it are writings from a multitude of sources, published both in this country and Europe. The book's primary purpose is to provide an anthology of inspirational and helpful literary gems for use by judges in their work; its secondary purpose is to give source materials for preparing speeches or writings on judicial subjects.

The book is divided into four main parts: "Judicial Ethics," "The Essential Qualities of a Judge," "The Challenge to the Judiciary," and "The Spiritual Side of Judging." In the first section Judge Carroll appropriately sets out the Canons of Judicial Ethics accompanied by opinion summaries given by the American Bar Association's Committee on Professional Ethics and Grievances. The second section, dealing with the essential qualities of a judge, contains short writings by such distinguished jurists as Sir Francis Bacon, Benjamin N. Cardozo, and Learned Hand. They serve as an admonishment to every judge that he be continually appraising himself as to his qualifications, tendencies, and shortcomings. Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Roscoe Pound, and William J. Brennan, Jr. are among the authors found in the third section who challenge the judges in this country to improve the administration of justice in our legal system. The fourth and final section is devoted to the spiritual side of judging as expounded in the Holy Bible and experienced by Judge Harold R. Medina.

Judge Carroll has drawn together in this short book many challenging and instructive works. The guidance and inspiration found in it, as well as the fervent call for improvement in judicial administration which is sorely needed in our court system today, should be carefully read by the judges of this country. An appreciation of these ideas can only serve to heighten respect for the legal profession as a whole and better protect the rights of those seeking justice in our courts. Since this book is a part of a project of the American Judicature Society, it is hoped that the future books in this project will be equally as meritorious.