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LIVING THE LAW. By Frank E. Cooper. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., 1958. Pp. xv, 184. \$7.50.

"Schools of law do not produce lawyers." With this challenging quote from Justice Cardozo the author invites the reader to explore further and discover the attributes that go into the makeup of the well-rounded attorney. Mr. Frank E. Cooper of the Detroit Bar and the University of Michigan Law School possesses the dual connections with academic life and private practice essential to an intelligent discussion of the transition of law students from school to active practice. Although the book itself is directed to the student about to embark upon the practice of law, it will nonetheless be of benefit to the practicing lawyer interested in a more complete understanding of the attorney's role in present day society.

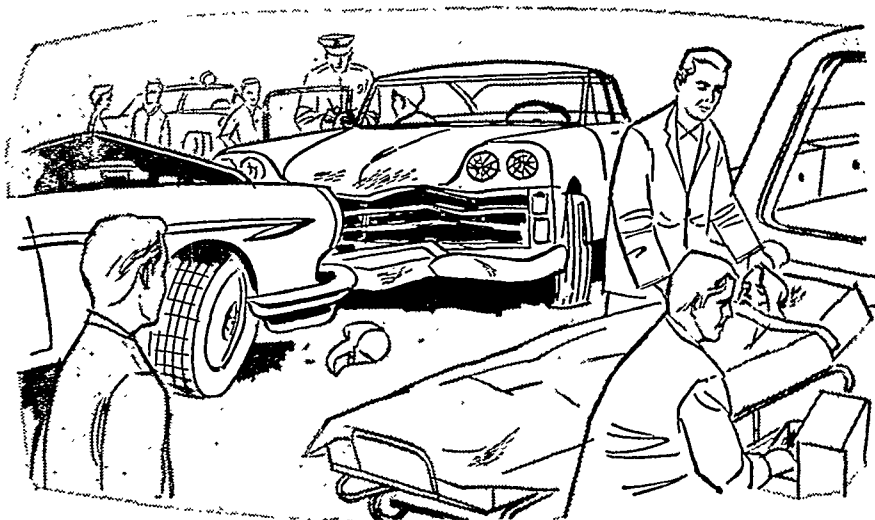
The first portion of the book is devoted to a detailed discussion of the three elements of a lawsuit—the facts, the issue, and the law. Of these elements the student is perhaps least aware of the importance of the facts. Because of the nature of legal study, via the case method, the student is necessarily deprived of the benefit gleaned from working with facts. Therefore Mr. Cooper's discussion of this element serves as a helpful bridge from school to practice. In the concluding portion of his work the author has chosen to discuss a list of six skills which have been considered of vital importance in the education of the practicing attorney. These skills which are not subjects found in the law school curriculum consist of: dealing with facts, predicting how controversies will be decided, legal planning, negotiation, draftsmanship, and advocacy. Mr. Cooper's intelligent and very readable treatment of these subjects serves as an appetizer to the student for the adventure which lies ahead.

SHARED GOVERNMENT IN EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. By Joseph M. Becker. New York: Columbia University Press, 1959. Pp. 501. \$6.50.

This book is a review of a personal survey conducted by the author of sixteen state advisory councils in the field of labor relations. Mr. Becker feels that there is a great need for private groups to share in the responsibility of government in order to preserve our political democracy in the light of a constantly growing society; he has selected the area of industrial relations to show the effectiveness of advisory

councils in helping to share in the activity of government. The author presents a timely appraisal of the advisory councils, citing his reasons for their success and shortcomings, with the conclusion that the key factor to their success is an effective administrator. Mr. Becker relates the advisory council to his basic premise by illustrating the effectiveness of having representatives from labor and management combine their ideas and emerge with policies that the legislature may enact to resolve labor-management disputes.

In addition to his extensive survey of advisory councils, Mr. Becker is additionally qualified in presenting a commentary on this subject by virtue of his active participation in the field of labor relations. This book would prove most helpful to individuals generally interested in the relationship between private organizations and the government, and more specifically in the relationship of advisory councils to government in the field of labor relations.



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