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593. Charlton, James, ed. **Legal Briefs: A Lawyer's Quotation Book**. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1990. 111p. illus. index. \$18.95; \$7.95pa. KF159.C48. 340'.02. LC 89-2559. ISBN 0-07-023971-1; 0-07-023972-Xpa.

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