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The editors of this compilation acknowledge that their goal of listing and abstracting all papers accepted for the master of law and doctor of juridical science degrees at U.S. law schools was not met in this first volume of the series. The 175 dissertations and theses abstracted in this volume are from four law schools: Harvard, George Washington, Columbia, and Washington University of St. Louis. Two-thirds of the dissertations are from Harvard.

The abstracts, generally about 400 words in length, provide enough information to apprise the reader of the thesis or dissertation's potential research value. Arranged alphabetically by author, each abstract includes the name of the institution granting the degree, the degree for which the paper was presented, the length of the paper, and whether the paper includes notes, appendixes, or a bibliography.

The compilation includes title and subject indexes. The latter, although quite comprehensive, would be easier to read if the subheadings were separately indented. Even though the abstracts are arranged by author, an author index would be helpful.

A bibliographic search of selected thesis and dissertations revealed that some of the materials abstracted appear in *Dissertation Abstracts* or a legal periodical index, and some have been published as monographs. The inclusion of this information would further increase the value of the publication.

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