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LAND-USE CONTROLS IN THE UNITED STATES (SECOND EDITION). BY JOHN DELAFONS. Cambridge: The M.I.T. Press, 1969. Pp. 203. \$10.00.

This book provides a comprehensive and accurate account of the American system of controlling the private use of land—the public control of private development. It explains the general, social, legal, political, and historical origin of these controls. It provides a technical description of the major controls (zoning and subdivision control) and identifies recent innovations in technique. The objectives of control and its effectiveness are considered, and some parallels with British experience are explored. In a final chapter, written especially for this new edition, developments of the past ten years and prospects for the future are discussed. This book is intended to provide an introduction to the subject for all those whose work or studies requires some acquaintance with land-use controls.

ESSAYS ON THE CIVIL LAW OF OBLIGATIONS. EDITED BY JOSEPH DAINOW. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1969. Pp. 313. \$10.00.

As a collection of essays, this work represents an attempt by legal scholars to direct, improve, and explain more clearly the law of obligations, an important area of the civil law. It is divided into two parts. The first part consists of four 1968 Bailey Lectures, sponsored by the Louisiana State University Law School, together with revised and documented commentaries by panel members. Part two contains additional articles by panel members on other topics within the general field of obligations.

NURTURING NEW IDEAS: LEGAL RIGHTS & ECONOMIC ROLES. EDITED BY L. JAMES HARRIS. Washington, D.C.: The Bureau of National Affairs, 1969. Pp. 647. \$14.50.

A collection of articles, this book analyzes and evaluates the part played by the patent and related systems in the economic and social performance of the United States and other countries. Topics covered

range from a consideration of the motivation of individual inventors to discussions of the organizational needs of companies, universities, and government agencies in this country and abroad. Special attention is given to the practical aspects of patent protection and utilization, so that the book's appeal is to the general reader as well as those with special interests in the patent and related systems.

HOW TO USE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. BY IRVING KELLOG.

New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1969. Pp. 475. \$19.50.

This volume is a practical work designed to acquaint attorneys with financial statements and their interpretation. The book shows how financial statements are put together, how they can be used to determine profitability, value, inefficiency, and incompetence. The volume also contains checklists designed to uncover fraud, manipulation, and distortion. It is a tool to be used by lawyers in the evaluation of financial statements.