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HANDBOOK FOR JUDGES

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While this publication is intended primarily for the judiciary it is of interest to the legal profession as a whole. There are numerous articles by eminent jurists discussing the problems that confront judges in disposing of the many difficult questions that arise during the course of litigation.

Most of these articles stress the need of patience, restraint and the necessity of being on guard to prevent our own feelings from influencing our judgment. In constantly exercising the authority vested in the judiciary under our legal system, it is easy for a judge to become somewhat unmindful of the fact that the more authority he has, the more lawful he must be in exercising it. We can not be reminded too often that while we have the right to restrain others, we must also restrain ourselves.

On the whole the articles are well written, and many of them make entertaining reading, but it is difficult to improve on the simple and concise language of the Canons of Judicial Ethics which are also contained in the volume. The Society should be commended for this publication.

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