

## Book Note

AVIATION LAW AND REGULATION: Paul Stephen Dempsey, Robert M. Hardaway, and William E. Thoms. Butterworth Legal Publishers, 1992, 2 Looseleaf Volumes, 1993, \$190.00

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Aviation law and regulation touches upon concerns important to national economic, social, political, and security interests. Born from this marriage of competing interests is a legal field that, perhaps more than any other area of the law, requires of its practitioners an almost encyclopedic knowledge. AVIATION LAW AND REGULATION, a new treatise published by Butterworth Legal Publishers, addresses, in one source, every major issue an aviation lawyer might confront. The authors, Paul Dempsey, Hughes Professor of Law and Director of the Transportation Law Program at the University of Denver, Robert Hardaway, Professor of Law at the University of Denver, and William E. Thoms, Professor of Law and Director of the Aviation Law Program at the University of North Dakota, have combined their considerable experience and expertise to create a unique reference source for the neophyte or the experienced practitioner.

Beginning with the first chapter, History of the Aviation Industry and Its Regulation, the authors weave into the text an historical perspective which complements the substantive content. This approach gives to the reader a grasp of the subject being addressed which is atypical of books attempting a complete treatment of a subject. When dealing with the aviation industry, which has been highly regulated from its infancy, having an understanding of the history and politics influencing the development of the law is invaluable. This point is illustrated by the authors' treatment of antitrust regulation and airport regulation dealt with in Chapters Five and Seven respectively. After deregulation, the emergence of hub and spoke systems and subsequent increased saturation of hub airports by major carriers, the regulation of airport resource allocation, and antitrust concerns have become pivotal issues in the aviation industry.

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AVIATION LAW AND REGULATION includes a complete study of these phenomena and their impact on the industry, including chapters on Environmental Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Airline Service to Small Communities.

The authors also give extensive treatment to aspects of international aviation law. In an increasingly shrinking world, being able to understand the correlation between domestic regulations and international law has become integral to almost every field of law. This is especially true of aviation law. As the authors point out, “[a]viation is among the most profound of man’s technological accomplishments . . . Aviation shrinks the planet, intermingling the world’s cultures and economies.” AVIATION LAW AND REGULATION includes three chapters devoted solely to international aviation: Regulation of International Aviation, Regulation of European Community Aviation, and International Liability for Passengers and Cargo. International aspects are also considered in chapters on Environmental Regulation, Aviation Security, Safety Regulation, and Labor Relations and Labor Law.

AVIATION LAW AND REGULATION also includes treatment of fundamental facets of aviation law practice in separate chapters addressing procedural issues, aircraft ownership, leasing, and finance and bankruptcy.