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## *Costigan's Cases on Wills, 2d ed.*

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fairly be doubted whether or not a satisfactory method of legal adjustment can be formulated for such situations, and particularly whether the one which is proposed by the authors will not result in robbing Peter to pay Paul. Thus, while the book is excellently written and is to be regarded as a marked contribution to the materials dealing with labor law litigation, it is at least open to the objection that the reader is not entirely convinced that the injunction has had a fair day in court. However, it expertly presents a seriously considered point of view and can be recommended as well worth while the study of all who have an interest in the subject.

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**COSTIGAN'S CASES ON WILLS**, 2nd Ed. St. Paul: West Publishing Company, pp. xxi, 888.

The first edition of this work, published in 1910, was an excellent selection of illustrative cases, and was used by the writer many years with great satisfaction. This second edition, however, is a marked improvement on the first, presenting many recent opinions and adding a number of valuable cases on the subjects of interpretation and construction. While considerable space in the first edition was devoted to descent and administration, less is given in the present collection, for the excellent reason that individual "teachers are inclined to use local material—both statutory and cases—not possible of insertion in a general casebook."

An excellent and somewhat prominent feature is found in the many "references to valuable articles and other material in the law reviews, as well as to various other monographic notes."

The material presented covers too many pages to be entirely used in a three-hour one-quarter course or a two-hour one-semester course, thus giving the instructor an opportunity to select the cases for the daily assignments.

The growing tendency of law schools to include probate practice courts in the curriculum, and the well nigh universal practice of laying emphasis upon the local practice acts, make it highly desirable to use local material where available. Professor Costigan, recognizing this fact, has, apparently, made an effort to present cases from a wide range of states.

This second edition contains 888 pages, of which all but about 200 are devoted to wills proper, their interpretation and construction, decrees of distribution, payment of legacies, etc.

The publication is well bound in buckram and printed in clear type, well spaced, on thin paper, resulting in an easily handled book, in marked contrast to the unwieldy, cumbersome volumes of ten years ago.

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**FOR THE DEFENCE: THE LIFE OF SIR EDWARD MARSHALL HALL.** By Edward Marjoribanks. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1929, pp. xiv, 471.

For some thirty years Marshall Hall was the world's leading criminal's advocate. As an addition to the stock of legal biographies this work is highly welcome.

He was born in 1858 of a middle-class family of professional folk, and died in 1927. As a boy of fourteen he saw something of the trial of Christiana Edmunds and his life's work was determined. From Rugby he went to Cambridge and then to the bar.

The fourth chapter tells us of his first marriage, a tragedy that would have destroyed any weaker man at once. After this he forgot happiness in his work. His life was an alternation of failures and successes. Like many another great lawyer he failed to shine in parliament. His collisions with the bench, after the fashion of Erskine, threw off many sparks but did no lasting damage.

The sixth chapter tells of the defence of Bennett (1901). Hopeless as the case was, he rose to his full stature. It was excellent tactics on his part to concentrate on the question of Mrs. Bennett's chain, but if the jury had allowed itself to be persuaded that this was a crucial point there