
BOOK REVIEW

WOERNER ON "THE AMERICAN LAW OF ADMINISTRATION (INCLUDING WILLS),"
Third Edition.

Within the last year the publishers, Little, Brown and Company, Boston, have issued a third edition of Woerner on "The American Law of Administration (including Wills)." The first edition was published in 1889 and the second edition in 1899, both editions published in two volumes, and the work of J. G. Woerner, who was for more than twenty years Judge of the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis. This third edition is issued in three volumes and is the work of the author's son, William F. Woerner, of the St. Louis Bar. The work has been expanded from 1272 pages in the original edition to 1984 pages as it now appears. Some 5000 new cases were selected when the second edition appeared and in this third edition 5500 more have been added, but the scope and the arrangement of the work has remained unchanged since the original edition.

In reviewing this new edition, the Central Law Journal says: "The scope of the work is prodigious. It covers about every conceivable point of law that can arise between the death of an owner of property and the investiture of the title in the new owner, whether creditor, widow, heir or devisee, treating in minute detail of the execution, contest and construction of wills, the law of devises and legacies, or descent inheritance and distribution of estates of decedents, of executors and administrators and their management of estates, of testamentary and probate courts, and the jurisdiction thereof and of the practice and procedure therein, of probate jurisdiction of Federal Courts, of the widow's allowance, and of dower, curtesy, homestead, estates of deceased partners, of claims and debts by or against estates, even of the liability of heirs and devisees after final accounting and discharge of the personal representatives—in short, it is safe to say that anything directly or indirectly relating to the realm of probate law is to be found within the pages of this work."

In advertising this work, the publishers are justified in saying: "Judge Woerner and his son, William F. Woerner, have done an immense service for the profession. The work has been done with enthusiasm by lawyers who have studied the subject as practitioners as well as authors. The father used his learning as a judge; the son his as a teacher of law. Such a combination of the practical and theoretical explains much of the excellence of the book."