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HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS LITIGATION

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Hazardous Products Litigation, a new products liability guidebook written by Edward M. Swartz of the Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., Bars, has been recently published by The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. and Bancroft-Whitney Co. According to the publishers, *Hazardous Products Liability* is intended both as a basic guide to the products liability novice and a source of quick information and additional techniques for the experienced products liability specialist.

The book begins with brief descriptions of a hundred and one representative products liability cases, all drawn from the author's extensive experience. These are titled "Illustrative Fact Patterns" and are used and referred to throughout the book to demonstrate when and where particular techniques, methods, and models are applicable.

Although *Hazardous Products Litigation* is fundamentally a procedurally oriented work, it does explain and explore theories of liability. Special emphasis is placed on pre-pleading investigation and discovery, for, as Mr. Swartz states, "it is of the utmost importance that plaintiff's counsel make the fullest and most creative uses of the investigatory opportunities afforded by the discovery process."

In addition, the work includes presentation on pleading, damages and settlement, and trial. It closes with an unusual chapter titled "New Developments and Missed Opportunities" which contains additional tips and pointers on the newest in hazardous products litigation, what may be coming up, and how to avoid missing opportunities in cases involving industrial injuries, falls, fires, allergic reactions, and more.

Edward M. Swartz has written numerous books and articles, including the highly acclaimed *Toys That Don't Care* (Gambit, Inc., 1971) and *Trial Handbook for Massachusetts Lawyers* (Lawyers Co-op., 1972). He is currently vice president of the Massachusetts Trial Lawyers Association and was the national chairman of the American Trial Lawyers Association Committee on Continuing Legal Education from 1968 to 1971.

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