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PATTERN INTERROGATORIES: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Douglas Danner

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A new volume of ready-to-use interrogatory sets for malpractice cases—*Pattern Interrogatories: Medical Malpractice*, by Douglas Danner—has recently been published by The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. and Bancroft-Whitney Co. These sets, aimed at saving time in case preparation and enabling the working attorney to do a better job of serving his clients, include proven interrogatories developed by a leading attorney in his 20 years of practice.

The general sets of interrogatories focus attention on the physician's education, training, credentials, the medical relationship with the patient, and various facets of treatment and medical procedures. Other sets deal with specific circumstances and conditions: anesthesia, drug reactions, fractures, cardiac arrest, mental illness, pregnancy and childbirth, and surgical errors. In addition, there are comprehensive sets of interrogatories to physicians, hospitals, fiduciaries, and other individuals on a wide range of topics.

Aids facilitating use of the volume include a table of statutory and rule references for interrogatories in every jurisdiction, a detailed descriptive word index, and author's comments preceding each chapter.

Other *Pattern Interrogatories* volumes, all available separately, include *Basic Facts, Premises, Automobiles, and Products Liability*.

The author, Douglas Danner, a member of the Massachusetts bar, is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston University Law School. A firm believer in the effectiveness of written interrogatories, *Pattern Interrogatories: Medical Malpractice* represents the distillation of thousands of tested sets used over the years in his own practice.

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MENTAL DISABILITY IN CIVIL PRACTICE

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A new book titled *Mental Disability in Civil Practice* has been published by The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. and Bancroft-Whitney Co. The author is Sidney H. Asch, a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and adjunct professor of New York Law School and Mount Sinai Medical School.

The new work is intended as a practical guide for the attorney in dealing with all aspects of mental disability in all types of civil cases. It includes forms, checklists, and sample examinations drawn from pertinent portions of *Am Jur Proof of Facts* and *Pleading and Practice Forms*.

In the first of the book's three sections, Justice Asch discusses what the various mental disabilities are, how they are treated, the relationship between psychology and the law, and mental disabilities as personal injuries. With this as a background, the second section explains how to try mental disability issues, including preparation before trial, trial techniques, credibility of mentally disabled witnesses, qualifying expert witnesses, and how to examine and cross-examine psychiatric experts. In the third section, the author details the rights and responsibilities of the mentally disabled in relation to suit, contracts and deeds, tort liability, liability of psychiatrist, and hospital, domestic relations, wills, and personal rights.

The book also features extensive case citations, references to additional material in other publications, and an appendix of condensations of statutory provisions, state by state.

Justice Asch holds a B.S. degree cum laude from the City College of New York, an LL.B. from Columbia University Law School, and a Ph.D. from the New School for Social Research. He is the author of numerous law journal articles and books.

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