

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of "Forensic Psychology: A Guide for Lawyers and the Mental Health Professions"

REFERENCE: Gordon, Robert, *Forensic Psychology: A Guide for Lawyers and the Mental Health Professions*, Lawyers and Judges Publishing Co., Tucson, Ariz., 1975, 133 pages, no price listed.

Dr. Robert Gordon, the author, is the son of an attorney and acquired postdoctoral degrees in psychology before becoming interested in forensic psychology. He subsequently earned the Juris Doctor degree and became a member of the Texas Bar. Presently, he participates actively in many aspects of psychology and law.

This small book is an excellent addition to the library of those members of the health care field who are interested in forensic psychology. It would also serve the attorney in the general practice of law, and particularly, the trial lawyer. Dr. Gordon utilizes parables, philosophy, and psychology to aid the reader in understanding the attorney, the jury, the judge, and the legal process. For a better understanding of these interworkings in day-by-day cases, approach the book in a relaxed state of mind. The best lessons result if the reader utilizes humor, self-analysis, and self-criticism.

The presented material, at times, feels rather heavy, but the book should be mandatory reading for all professionals who represent clients during a legal process. An excellent and tasteful gift from spouse to spouse, student to teacher, friend to friend.

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