

## BOOK REVIEW

### ***The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals***

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*The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals* is not only a practical and concise research guide that will save you time and energy, but it is also a book that is long over due. The authors, Glenn M. Wong, the director of the University of Massachusetts Sport Management Program and a leader in the area of sports law, and T. Jesse Wilde, a sport law professor and director of the Sport Management Program at Rice University, have developed a specialized annotated bibliography that attempts to reference and index every sport law article ever published. With *The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals*, professors, students and other professionals in the sport community will no longer have to rummage through the *Index to Legal Periodicals*, searching for relevant law articles for sport law research. Now all researchers and practitioners have to do to research sport law topics quickly, conveniently and with confidence is open *The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals*.

The bibliography, which contains over 900 articles, is divided into three sections: subject; periodical; and author. The first section, or subject index, contains seventeen (17) general topic areas ranging from "Administrative law" to "Trademark law." Where appropriate, each general topic area is further divided into sub-topic and sub-sub-topic.

The following is an example of how the bibliography works. If you were researching a question on the liability of an equipment manufacturer for an athlete's injuries, you would look under the general topic of "Tort law." Under the general topic "Tort law," you would find thirty-six (36) sub-topics which range from the "Assumption of Risk" to "Worker's Compensation," one of which is "Product Liability." Under the sub-topic: "Product Liability," the user would find five (5) sub-sub-topics ranging from "Artificial Turf" to "Tennis." After determining the references that apply to your particular case or research, you could then select and

review the descriptive annotations under the periodical index found in the second section of the book.

In an attempt to make the book user friendly, *The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals* lists articles on diverse topics under more than one topic heading. Therefore, if you look under the general topic of "Constitutional Law" and the sub-topic "Sex Discrimination" you will find the same article by Glenn M. Wong and Richard J. Ensor that is listed under the general topic of "Legislation" and the sub-topic of "Title IX."

The second section of the book, or periodical index, indexes all the articles by the title of the journal. Articles in the periodical index are organized alphabetically by journal title. There are over 280 different legal journals listed in the periodical index. *The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals* is so thorough, that the user will even find law journals indexed that are no longer in publication.

The periodical index also provides researchers and practitioners with a brief descriptive annotation, a feature that distinguishes this bibliography over other indexes and makes it an essential part of any library. The annotations are well written and detailed enough to provide the reader with not only an outline of the contents of the article but also the conclusion, a feature that greatly aids the reader in determining an article's suitability.

In an effort to minimize the length and cost of the book, descriptive annotations are only in the periodical index section of *The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals*. While this is a slight inconvenience, since the reader must go from the subject or author index to the periodical index to read the descriptive annotation, it does keep the book reasonably priced.

The final section of the book indexes the articles by author. Articles in the author index are listed alphabetically by the authors last name. If an article has two or more authors, the article is listed under each authors name.

In conclusion, *The Sport Lawyer's Guide to Legal Periodicals* is not only a useful resource to those researchers and practitioners who want to find a citation for a specific article. It is also beneficial to anyone who wants to research a general legal area in sport law or a specific author's name and is certain to be a valuable addition to the study of sport law.