

The Barrister

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PERSPECTIVE CHECK

The following quotes are submitted by Brent Handel, from various disciplines other than law, to help us keep the practice of law in perspective.

WIT, WISDOM AND WEALTH

Wealth is when small efforts produce big results.
Poverty is when big efforts produce small results.



The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

Lily Tomlin



Many an optimist has become rich by buying out a pessimist.



Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

James Bryant Conant



Wall street is the only place that people ride to in a Rolls-Royce to get advice from those who ride the subway.

Warren Buffett



Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.



Financial Planner to client: "I've reviewed your financial picture, and if we manage your money properly, there should be enough for both of us."



When your ship finally does come in, how come Revenue Canada is on the dock unloading it?



Buy when everyone else is selling and hold until everyone else is buying. This is not merely a catchy slogan. It is the very essence of successful investment.

J. Paul Getty



Labor, n: one of the processes whereby A acquires property for B.

Ambrose Bierce



I'm a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house.

Zsa Zsa Gabor

BOOK REVIEWS

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7. **ATLA'S LITIGATING TORT CASES**, Editors Roxanne Conlin & Gregory Cusimano.

In six volumes a regiment of trial lawyers have produced, in this reviewer's opinion, the most comprehensive single source coverage of tort litigation available today.

Volume 1 starts with the client interview checklist. The determination of the cause of action is next. The book covers all facets of investigation, forum selection, applicable law, and limitations. The authors ask you to consider the possibility of mass tort class actions. The highlight is the chapter on 'theming'.

Volume 2 deals with wrongful death, non-economic damages, consortium, expert selection, discovery strategies, and requests for admissions. Highlights are the articles on impairment of earning capacity and that on provisional and extraordinary remedies; but all of the contained articles should give the trial advocate new ideas on the presentation of the plaintiff's claim.

Volume 3 contains articles on punitive damages, summary judgment, direct examination of lay witnesses, and the presentation of the case in chief. A highlight is the coverage of 'tort reform' and the challenge to same. Juror selection and jury bias coverage, while under different rules in Canada, contain useful ideas. The article on settlement will be helpful to trial lawyers.

Volume 4 covers examination and cross examination of expert witnesses, demonstrative evidence, final arguments both to jurors and judge alone, ethics, premises liability, firearms and soft tissue injuries. Highlights are the summaries on sexual abuse, brain injuries, and the art and strategy of objections.

Volume 5 deals with claims arising out of lead paint, drugs and medical devices. Auto design defects, product liability, medical and professional negligence, construction injuries, HMO litigation and auto cases are covered in this chapter. What with the advent of a high proportion of elderly in the population the chapter on litigation against health maintenance organizations is most timely.

Volume 6. There are useful chapters on cruise ship litigation, railroad crossing cases, fraud, environmental tort litigation, and tort claims against the governments. How to assess the viability of an action in the field of fraud is a highlight of this chapter. There are some very useful forms and letter precedents that may find a place in a trial lawyer's practice.



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