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## Book Reviews

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAW.** (Stephen A. Bokat and Horace A Thompson, eds., BNA Books 1986.) 988 pp. Appendices, bibliographical references, index, table of cases. LC 88-7252; ISBN 0-87179-527-2 [\$95.00. P.O.B. 7816, Edison NJ 08818-7816.].

**SUPPLEMENT (1988.)** 220 pp. LC 89-13999, ISBN 0-87179-640-6 [\$30.00.]

The editors have provided a treatise, as well as a research and reference tool, that should be very useful for practitioners, law students and others interested in occupational health and safety. The main volume begins with an historical discussion of events prior to passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 [OSHA]. It then discusses the act and continues with developments through December, 1986. The supplement reports subsequent changes in the law through the end of 1988. Insofar as biannual updates are planned, a further supplement should be available shortly.

Coverage is comprehensive. Not only do these volumes address employer responsibilities and potential sanctions for failure to meet them, but they also discuss topics such as employee and union intervention in OSHA litigation, redress for employees who are discriminated against for exercising their rights under the act, and the relationship between state (including workers' compensation) and federal regulation. Moreover, there is discussion of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and comparison of this law with that which has developed under OSHA.

In addition to indices, detailed and summary tables of contents are provided. These are helpful in quickly locating material of interest. Moreover, it is helpful that the tables of contents are the same for both

volumes. This facilitates use of the supplement, and it is hoped that future supplements will continue the practice.

These volumes certainly belong in every large general legal collection as well as in many smaller collections. However, given the swift pace of the law, they would be more useful if annual supplementation were possible.

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