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Erratum

The citation for this review is 2 *RISK* 89 (1991) in most commercial databases.

JEFFREY V. NACKLEY, PRIMER ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION. (2d ed. BNA Books 1989.) [187 pp.] Appendices, bibliography, index, table of cases. LC 89-31139; ISBN 0-87179-596-5. [\$25.00. Address above.]

Aptly named a "primer," this reasonably priced, well produced, and heavily annotated, paperback furnishes a good introduction to state workers' compensation systems.

In a style favoring neither employer or employee, Nackley presents a good introduction to a wide range of issues that arise in trying to compensate employees for (physical and mental) injuries or disabilities sustained in the course of their employment. The first part of the book (chapters 1-5) discusses the substantive rights of employees and their survivors with regard to disabilities, deaths and injuries arising from occupational diseases, work related accidents and other causes. The second part focuses on jurisdiction and procedure, including such matters as judicial review of administrative action. A third part deals with the "employer's protections and liabilities."

Several appendices follow that are, if anything, more valuable than the main text of the book. They are replete with charts dealing with matters such as occupational diseases and income benefits for claimants and survivors. Moreover, a "Notes" section discusses and differentiates various types of compensation statutes and heavily supplements the analyses of issues presented in chapter discussions.

The book, as indicated from its title, is not intended to be comprehensive. Yet it manages to cover a great deal of territory usefully. A shortcoming is its failure to provide much information on compensation schemes that govern the rights of federal workers. For those who do not need such information, the book is highly recommended.