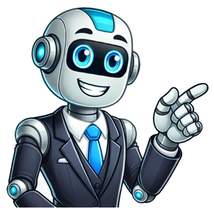
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The book is an edited collection of essays on law and its relationship to society, politics, and human values. The first section explores the concept of law in theory and practice, with discussions on lawmaking, precedent, and official discretion. The second section examines the intersection of law and values, including issues around capital punishment, social justice, and conflicting interests. The third section delves into the connections between law, status, wealth, and power, featuring works by Karl Marx and V.I. Lenin, among others. The fourth section focuses on law and popular will, discussing topics such as democracy, authority, and human rights. The final section presents feminist and racial perspectives on law and legal order, with essays on issues like discrimination, inequality, and social justice. Overall, the book provides a diverse range of viewpoints and insights into the complexities of law and its impact on society. The policing function is complex, as Herman Goldstein notes, and this complexity is further highlighted by the experiences of African American police officers, such as Jackie Campbell, who discuss petit apartheid. Significant court cases like Terry v. State of Ohio, Brown v. Texas, Florida v. Bostick, and Interstate Travel have shaped constitutional challenges to identification requirements and transportation security regulations, as analyzed by Todd B. Tatelman. In the legal profession, Alexis de Tocqueville's observations on the temper of the legal profession in the United States are complemented by David Goodman's discussion of friendly fire and Roy Grutman and Bill Thomas's exploration of the big casino. The education of lawyers is also a critical area, with John J. Bonsignore discussing law school's paradigmatic squeeze, Duncan Kennedy examining legal education's role in hierarchy reproduction, and Patricia J. Williams reflecting on her experiences as a law professor. Lawyers' roles in the adversary process are debated by Charles P. Curtis, Jerome Frank, James Mills, Rex R. Perschbacker, and Debra Lyn Bassett. The jury system is examined historically and culturally, with references to the Constitution of the United States, Amendments, and significant cases like Duncan v. Louisiana and Blakely v. Washington. Jury nullification and merciful juries are discussed by Alan Scheflin and Jon M. Van Dyke. In a pluralistic society, jury selection raises issues of gender discrimination and racial peremptories, as explored by Kenneth Karst, Susan Glaspell, Laura Gaston Dooley, Stephen Arons, and Charles R. Lawrence III. The decline of the jury is addressed by Morton Horwitz, Stephen Arons, Philip Corboy, Valerie P. Hans, and Stephanie Albertson, with significant cases including Johnson v. Louisiana and Apodaca et al. v. Oregon. Finally, conflict resolution and dispute resolution are considered in the legal context, with contributions from Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Janet Rifkin, Karla Fischer, Neil Vidmar, Rene Ellis, and Jennifer Smith, highlighting the complexities of mediation, community justice, and the role of lawyers in these processes. The collection of articles focuses on non-traditional approaches to justice in the United States, with a particular emphasis on community-based and cyber-mediated dispute resolution methods. Notable contributors include Sally Engle Merry, who explores the implications for informal community justice, and Mark S. Umbreit, whose work delves into the development and impact of victim-offender mediation. Other articles shed light on the complexities of conflict resolution in different contexts, such as public disputes (Robert M. Ackerman) and cultural differences (Howard Gadlin). The importance of balancing justice with harmony is also highlighted by Laura Nader's conclusion. The role of cyberspace in shaping the future of law is examined through contributions from Michael Lewis, David R. Johnson, and David G. Post. Ethan Katsh and Janet Rifkin discuss the impact of cyberspace on disputes and dispute resolution, while various court cases are analyzed to illustrate the protection of rights and property online (Planned Parenthood v. American Coalition of Life Activists, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer v. Grokster, Sony Corp. v. Universal City Studios, Inc.).

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