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INTRODUCTION

The regular fourth issue of the West Virginia Law Review will not be published this year and in its place we have compiled this index covering the material from Volume 41 through Volume 68. Since this index had to be completely finished before the school year ended in mid-May and because of printing delays in the preparation of the second and third issues of Volume 69, we were unable to include this year's material in the index. Although there was an index published in 1956, the present index uses a different indexing system. Therefore, we have indexed all material from the first index, published in 1934 to Volume 68.

This index is divided into four sections: Leading Articles by Author; Principal Cases Commented Upon; The Title of All Materials; and a Subject Matter Index. In each instance the Volume of the Law Review will be indicated by the first number appearing, with the second number indicating the page.

As indicated above, the first section contains the leading articles indexed alphabetically by the author's last name. Following the author's name will be the title of the work with the Volume and page indicated respectively.

The second section contains an alphabetical listing of the titles of all material appearing in the Law Review. Leading Articles are designated by two asterisks (***) preceding the title. Notes, the longest and most exhaustive student material, are preceded by one asterisk (*). Case comments and case abstracts, the shorter student material, have no introductory signal.

The third section is a listing of principal cases discussed. The jurisdiction of the case is indicated in parenthesis. The majority of these cases are discussed in case comments by student writers.

The fourth section is the subject matter index. In this section we have endeavored to list each work in Law Review under as many Subject topics as appropriate. It is, therefore, likely that one work will be indexed under three or four subject headings. By this method we hope to indicate discussion of law which would not be indicated by the title alone. For example, an article on criminal law very likely could include a discussion of constitutional law, and evidence. Therefore this article would be indexed under each of these subjects. We believe that by indexing in this manner along with cross references, the possibility of finding law review material on a particular point will be substantially increased. However, it should be noted that the work was performed by many Law Review students which undoubtedly will result in varied interpretations of the guidelines we used. Therefore, the consistency in analyzing the contents of an article may be less than we would desire. We do believe that even with these slight inconsistencies, this system of indexing will be of substantial value in finding materials published in the West Virginia Law Review.

Finally we hope that supplemented indexes will be published at regular intervals in the future. While the first three sections are fairly standard indexing methods, the fourth section was a new experience for us. Unfortunately we had no experience in indexing of this nature and few guidelines to aid us in meeting the needs of the practicing attorney. In an effort to make future supplements more useful, we would like to invite suggestions as to what adjustments or changes need to be made.

