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This book is an outline of the introductory course on Virginia civil procedure which I teach at the University of Richmond. The purpose of this publication is to give the students an introduction to the subject which can be read prior to the classroom discussion. It is a very brief sketch of the subject, but there are references in the footnotes to cases and statutes or to secondary works which give case references.

The scope of my course and of this book excludes all federal law, criminal law and habeas corpus, evidence, creditors’ rights, and probate proceedings; these matters are covered in other courses. Furthermore, this book does not deal with problems of tactics or trial strategy; it is a book on theory, and the emphasis is on jurisdiction, parties, pleading, and discovery. The size of this work requires me to make grand generalizations, and one must always be wary of generalizing.

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