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A Virginia Cause, B. Lamb. Michie Co. (Revised Edition, 1976).

Judge Lamb's *A Virginia Cause* has recently been revised and reprinted by the author's son, Brockenbrough Lamb, Jr., who practices law in Richmond. The revision was done in 1976; the copyright was obtained in 1977; and the book was issued by the Michie Company in 1978. This popular and successful book is the work of one of the most erudite judges that Virginia has produced. It is in organization the history of a complicated, imaginary suit to sell land for partition and division of the proceeds among the co-owners. The appropriate pleadings, notices, motions, decrees, etc. are set out *in extenso* and can be used as forms for other cases. These forms are interspersed with explanations of their use and of equity practice in general. The forms are as succinct as possible; archaic and repetitious language has been omitted.

The work concludes with an appendix containing Part Two of the Rules of Court, which regulates equity pleading and practice. There are tables of statutes, rules, cases, and texts, but there is unfortunately no index.

There have been no major changes in equity prac-

tice and procedure since Judge Lamb's 1955 edition except for the addition in 1967 of the rules of discovery of Part Four of the Rules of Court. The new edition of this book does not deal with discovery depositions or the other procedures of Part Four. The other changes that have occurred since 1955 are accounted for; these are the minor reorganization of the Virginia courts in 1973, the reorganization of the Rules of Court concerning equity in 1972, and the slight changes in equity practice made by recent statutes and cases. The book was being printed as Title 8.01 of the Virginia Code was being enacted; this resulted in the footnotes having references to the old Title 8, but the Table of Statutes at the end of the book gives the references to what is now in Title 8.01.

A Virginia Cause is an excellent book. It has served the Virginia bench and bar well since it first appeared in 1950, and this new edition is a welcome addition to the literature on Virginia equity.

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ganized bar should recognize that in most cases what is good for the consumer of legal services is, in the long run, good for the profession. For the bar to

recognize this in connection with the oversupply problem will be difficult, because no one seems to know what the public's interest really is. But this does not excuse the bar from attempting to find solutions compatible with consumer needs. It merely focuses the bar's attention on the more appropriate possibilities.