

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Introductory Lectures for Science Practitioners by Way of Analyzing Court Decisions

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Many of the books titled "Introduction..." merely show interesting topics, and are more for entertainment than introduction to the fundamental principles of the field. This book is a real Introductory book that uses case study and concentrates on the principle theories (or themes) of Patent Law which resides in the centermost area of the Intellectual Property Law System.

Amongst the theories (or themes) selected by the author are "Purpose of the Law and Parallel Importation (BBS)," "Limits of Patent Right," and "Theory of the Equivalent." Related statistics and charts for each lecture are included in an ample appendix. At the beginning of each lecture, the author also gives precise explanations on such current issues as Pro-Patent, TRIPS and Globalization.

In Anglo-American Law Study, case study is the standard way of legal study. However, for the newcomer in the Intellectual Property field who has little knowledge and is not accustomed to case study, the book might be a little tough. Additional instruction to the author's lecture will be necessary to enhance the understanding of such readers.

I would like to recommend this book to well-seasoned practitioners who learned the Intellectual Property Laws long before in the traditional method. This book is an excellent tool to refresh their minds and help them cope with this rapidly changing Intellectual Property battlefield.