

CASEBOOK IN INSURANCE LAW (3rd Edition)

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It is always pleasing to review in the "Bulletin" a new book by one of our own members. Although this is not a 'new book' in the sense that it is a third edition this in many ways adds to the pleasure. As the preface says, the aim of the book is 'to collect together in a convenient form and size the leading and important cases on the principal types of insurance'.

What the principal types of insurance are is probably open to debate and in the end the choice is probably subjective. It is fair to say that Fire, Marine and Motor account for the bulk of the book. Liability insurance, for example, occupied less than three pages (Jewellery insurance, for example, covers three pages) which is rather disappointing, especially bearing in mind the increasing problems in this area. Whereas the 'absent content' of the book might be criticised, that which is present is clearly and well presented. The book is made much more valuable for reference purposes by the excellent Table of Contents which is most detailed and this is supplemented by a full index.

Probably the point the majority of readers will dislike most is that it makes plain just how many important cases have escaped notice - obviously decided whilst we were on holiday!

REX WYETH

Rex Wyeth died on January 23 1978 at the age of 62. A past chairman of B.I.L.A., he was perhaps the Association's most popular member. His ruddy face, bristling white moustache and his deep musical voice left a permanent stamp on the memory of all those who heard him speak, and he was in great demand as a speaker, thanks to his geniality and humour.

Well adapted to the rough-and-tumble of running-down cases which formed a good part of his practice as a solicitor, he was greatly esteemed by his professional brethren and had served as president of the Holborn Law Society. He was one of the first solicitors to be appointed a Recorder, and one of the first Recorders of the new breed to sit at the Old Bailey. Wherever he sat one could be sure that he tempered justice with humanity.

Rex was a life-enhancing man, devoid of vanity, and loving the law. His chairmanship of B.I.L.A. added to its stature in its early years. We have lost a great character and a good friend.