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## Cases on Partnership and Other Unincorporated Associations, by Scott Rowley

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*Cases on Partnership and Other Unincorporated Associations,*  
by Scott Rowley. Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, 1927. Pp.  
xv, 784. Price \$5.00.

This collection of cases follows closely the editor's textbook on the "Modern Law of Partnership." This might well be considered a defect by those teachers who are opposed to permitting their students to seek much help from textbooks. Some of the same teachers will also dislike the editor's failure to cite any other cases than those actually reprinted. This omission is deliberate, however, the editor stating as his opinion that

citations of numerous cases do no good to the poor student and are discouraging to better students who may involve themselves in the hopeless attempt of trying to read all these numerous citations. The reviewer is inclined to agree with the editor on this point although the citations in the footnotes of other collections of cases are often valuable as a starting point for a more careful investigation of certain particular divisions of the subject. The footnotes in the book under review do, however, contain numerous references to articles in law periodicals.

In view of the fact that the printing is widely spaced and that the pages are not large, the book is quite short—much shorter than would be indicated by the comparatively large number of pages. It is perhaps subject to the criticism that the cases are unduly abridged and in a number of instances a single case is cut up, and parts presented under different headings in the book. This has the obvious disadvantage of minimizing the effort required from the student to analyze the case, but on the other hand it does assist in carrying out the simple and logical arrangement, which is unquestionably one of the great merits of this book. If anything, the subject is subdivided a little too minutely but it would seem clear that a student who had worked through this book should have a fairly complete and logical knowledge of the subject of partnership. The scope of the subject matter is in general accord with that of other casebooks on the subject except that perhaps more attention is given to joint stock companies and to Massachusetts trusts, which constitute the subjects of the last two chapters. In the appendix is a reprint of the English Partnership Act of 1890, the Uniform Partnership Act and the proposed Uniform Limited Partnership Act. There is also a simple, but apparently quite adequate index.

On the whole, this seems to be a work of very real merit. As has already been said, it is chiefly characterized by simplicity and by careful and logical arrangement. These very qualities may not be regarded as virtues by many teachers who prefer that their students be compelled themselves to struggle to work out the complex principles of the cases and to fit their knowledge into a logical arrangement of the subject. For such teachers this book is not suitable, and was not intended. The purpose of the editor seems to have been to produce a simple and logical unfolding of the subject, using the cases merely for this purpose rather than as more or less isolated legal problems. It may, of course, be questioned whether this is the most desirable way to treat this or any other legal subject, but, assuming the desirability of what the editor has attempted to do, he has accomplished it with great success.

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