Butterworth Company Forms Manual. By S.W. Magnus. (Ed.), [London: Butterworths. 1988. xvii + 888pp. Softcover.]

THIS book which is not a collection of precedents but rather a compilation of the various United Kingdom statutory forms required in the administration of a company, is written by one of the co-authors of Magnus

and Estrin on Companies. The book covers the forms required under the Companies (Forms) Regulations 1985 and its 1987 Amendment as well as

those required under less important company subsidary legislation e.g. Companies (Unfair Prejudice Applications) Proceedings Rules and the Insolvent Companies (Report on Conduct of Directors) No. 2 Rules. Forms found in non-company legislation but required in company administration e.g., certain Inland Revenue forms, are also included.

After each form is a short commentary on the related area of law. For example, after Companies Form 395 (Particulars of a Mortgage or Charge), four pages of commentary restate the various situations where registration is required, and cite various cases on the failure to register and the definition of various terms used in the registration required situations.

An Appendix of seventy pages repeats the full text of the relevant subsidiary legislation except for the voluminous Insolvency Rules 1986, of which only the contents are given.

The book is of little assistance to the legal researcher but might be of interest to a legal practitioner who will find here a quick and convenient means to compare a local form with the equivalent United Kingdom form (which can easily be found using the comprehensive Index) as well as find the names of the relevant cases.

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