Law and History Review

Articles by
Alan Watson
Edward Powell
Richard H. Chused
M. H. Hoeflich
David Millon

Review Essay by
L. R. Poos and
R. M. Smith

Book Reviews

Law and History Review

Volume 2 Spring 1984 Number 1

Editors

Lloyd Bonfield Tulane University School of Law Russell Osgood
Cornell Law School

Article Editor
Clive Holmes
Cornell University

Editorial Board

Louis Assier-Andrieu

Centre National de
la Recherche Scientifique,
Toulouse

Barbara A. Black Yale Law School

C. W. Brooks
University of Durham

Robert W. Gordon
University of Wisconsin
Law School

Douglas Hay
York University

R. H. Helmholz

University of Chicago

Law School

William E. Nelson

New York University
School of Law

Stephen Presser

Northwestern University
School of Law

Marylynn Salmon
University of Maryland
Baltimore County

Richard Smith

All Souls College,

Oxford

Brian Tierney

Cornell University

Keith Wrightson University of St. Andrews

Dana R. Seligman, Editorial Assistant

Law and History Review is a semi-annual publication of Cornell Law School and the American Society for Legal History. The purpose of the Review is to further research and writing in the fields of the social history of law and the history of legal ideas and institutions. Publication of the Review is made possible in part by financial assistance provided by the Law-Milton and Eleanor Gould Fund.

The Editors welcome unsolicited manuscripts, books for review and suggestions concerning the *Review*. Manuscripts should be submitted in duplicate; send one copy to the editorial office at Cornell and a second copy to Professor Lloyd Bonfield at Tulane Law School, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118. The text should be typed, double-spaced, on 8½" × 11" paper with ample margins on all sides. Footnotes should be typed, double-spaced, separate from the text. Footnotes should conform to the *Law and History Review* style sheet, a copy of which is available on request.

Editorial and business communications should be directed to Editor, *Law and History Review*, Cornell Law School, Myron Taylor Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853 (telephone: 607/256-7477).

Prices: The institutional membership rate is \$30 annually for U.S. and European members. Current issues are \$15 per copy. Members of the American Society for Legal History receive the *Review* as part of their dues payment. ISSN 0738-2480

© 1984 Cornell University.

Table of Contents

Articles

The Evolution of Law: The Roman System of Contracts
Settlement of Disputes by Arbitration in Fifteenth-Century England
The Oregon Donation Act of 1850 and Nineteenth Century Federal Married Women's Property Law
Regulation of Judicial Misconduct from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages
Circumspecte Agatis Revisited
Review Essay
'Legal Windows Onto Historical Populations'? Recent Research on Demography and the Manor Court in Medieval England
Book Reviews
Tudor Rule & Revolution: Essays for G. R. Elton from his American Friends—DeLloyd Guth and John McKenna, eds 153 reviewed by Clive Holmes
The Press & the American Revolution—Bernard Bailyn and John B. Hench, eds. and
Printing and Society in America—William L. Joyce, David D. Hall, Richard D. Brown, and John B. Hench, eds 157 reviewed by Henry J. Bourguignon
Our Gang: Jewish Crime and the New York Jewish Community, 1900-1940—Jenna Weissman Joselit
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, 2 vols.— David Flaherty, ed