

Book note

RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS AND ORDERS AND THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

A Report of a Working Meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya, 9-14 January 1980. published by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London 1980, xii + 160 pp. Paper bound. Available on request from the publishers. Noted by A.H. Angelo.*

This Report records the progress and activities of the final workshop in the series which reviewed Commonwealth arrangements in the fields of enforcement of judgments, service of process, and resealing grants of administration. The earlier publications¹ relating to this review of the Commonwealth law, though necessarily including much overlapping of material, are all highly valuable collections of information. This latest Report is no exception and follows the standard and manner of presentation of the earlier documents.²

The information is as interesting and practically oriented as ever. Perhaps because of the African venue there is some highlighting of Common Law interaction with Roman-Dutch systems and with Civil Law systems. Again emphasis is placed on the work of the Hague Conference and the value of the comparative study of legislation to the production of workable laws in the Conflict of Laws field.

Much of the Report is taken up with drafts of model legislation in the fields covered by the working meetings and significantly data on the U.S. Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act 1968 is also provided.

The New Zealand reader is interested to note that the Commonwealth Countries Act 1977 is presented as a model for dealing with the problems of changes of name and government among the nations of the Commonwealth, and further that the long-promised revised Code of Civil Procedure now in draft but not generally accessible here is cited³ in this Report.

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1 All are readily distinguishable by their brightly coloured covers. They are:

- (a) *1977 Meeting of Commonwealth Law Ministers, Winnipeg, August 1977: Selected Memoranda* [yellow cover].
- (b) *The Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments and Orders and the Service of Process within the Commonwealth: A Further Report.* [orange cover].
- (c) *Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments and Orders and Service of Process within the Commonwealth. A Report of a Working Meeting held at Basseterre, St. Kitts, 24-26 1978.* [scarlet cover]. Reviewed in (1979) 10 V.U.W.L.R. 181.
- (d) *Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments and Orders and the Service of Process within the Commonwealth. A Report of a Second Working Meeting held at Apia, Western Samoa, 18-23 April 1979.* [blue cover].

2 It has a green cover!

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