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SCIENCE AND THE LAW

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More and more lawsuits revolve around arcane issues of science and technology, with courts expected to resolve complicated issues ranging from aircraft design to birth defects. Increasingly, the courts have come to rely on expert witnesses, many of whom make their livelihood by giving testimony geared toward their client's interest. Unfortunately, juries are not always able to distinguish good from bad science and the result has been a series of distressing decisions where plaintiffs have received compensation from defendants, who, according to the best scientific evidence, could not have been to blame. Consequently, more and more producers are modifying technologies or dropping them altogether in response to our modern legal system.

Science and the Law will bring together respected scientists to comment on the results of such litigation, comparing the decisions of juries and judges to that of the mainstream scientific community. Peter Huber will serve as editor and will author an introductory chapter and conclusion. It is hoped that this book will command a serious and sophisticated audience and will help to improve the state of scientific inquiry in our courts.

CHAPTER OUTLINE

1. DIOXIN AND AGENT ORANGE—by Michael Gough, Environ Corporation, author of "Dioxin, Agent Orange."
2. BENEDICTIN AND BIRTH DEFECTS—by Louis Lasagna, Tufts University.
3. SPERMICIDES AND BIRTH DEFECTS—by James Mills, National Institute of Health.
4. "CLINICAL ECOLOGY"—by Michael Luster, National Institute of Health.
5. PSYCHIATRY—by Steven Morse, University of Pennsylvania.
6. COMMON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ERRORS—by Bruce Ames, University of California, Berkeley.
7. HEALTH EFFECTS OF POWERS LINES—by Kenneth Foster, University of Pennsylvania.
8. TCE—by Rudolph Jaeger.
9. ASBESTOS IN BUILDINGS—by Richard Wilson, Harvard University.
10. PLUTONIUM DUST—by Bernard Cohen, University of Pennsylvania.
11. FALLOUT FROM U.S. NUCLEAR TESTS—by Ralph Lapp.
12. MICROWAVE RADIATION—by Budd Appleton.
13. THREE MILE ISLAND—by George Tokuhata, Pennsylvania State Health Department.
14. PCBS—by Renate Kimbrough, Environmental Protection Agency.
15. PHYSICAL TRAUMA AND CANCER—by Marvin Romadahl, University of Texas.
16. THE KAREN SILKWOOD CASE—(reprint of an investigative article).

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