

New & Noteworthy Books and Reports: July 2019

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1. How We Did It 2016-2019

By Joe K. Longley

Documents Joe K. Longley's service as president of the State Bar of Texas, 2017-2018, and his successful efforts to improve the State Bar, illustrated by campaign materials, election results, interviews, and president's columns. Details Longley's contributions to the Texas Legislature, including his involvement in drafting significant legislation relating to the Insurance, Finance, and Property Codes and as the principal drafter of the *Texas Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act (DTPA)*, which is documented in the **Joe K. Longley-Philip K. Maxwell Deceptive Trade Practices Act Collection: Legislative Archive 1973-2001 and the Mark L. Kincaid Papers, 1995-2015** at the Legislative Reference Library of Texas.

Joe K. Longley, 2019. 65 pages.

Online at: https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/SIRSI/B600.8_L862_2019.pdf
 B600.8 L862 2019

2. In the Weeds: Demonization, Legalization, and the Evolution of U.S. Marijuana Policy

By Clayton J. Mober and Scott Akins

Explores the path marijuana has taken on its road to legalization. Addresses the exaggerated arguments and critiques against legalized cannabis. Examines the current and possible future policies on marijuana as both a recreational and medicinal drug.

Temple University Press, 2019. 294 pages.

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3. Speech Police: The Global Struggle to Govern the Internet

By David Kaye

Examines how dominant American companies Facebook, Google, YouTube, and Twitter moderate content on their digital platforms. Considers who should be in charge of making the rules and policing online speech – whether governments should regulate the internet or let the market self-regulate. Offers recommendations to help governments and companies ensure that online speech benefits from democratic accountability, promotes and protects freedom of expression, privacy of communications, rights of association and assembly, and other values of free societies.

Columbia Global Reports, 2019. 142 pages.

384.334 K182S 2019

4. Amazing Texas Girls: True Stories from Lone Star History

By Mary Dodson Wade

Provides biographical sketches on fifteen women who spent most or all of their childhoods in Texas, then went on to shape the state's history. Ranges from pre-statehood to the present day and represents women across cultural, economic, and educational backgrounds.

Lone Star Books, 2018. 247 pages.

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5. Slavery and Freedom in Texas: Stories from the Courtroom, 1821-1871

By Jason A. Gillmer

Profiles five court cases related to slavery in 19th century Texas. Examines lawsuits involving restitution for the death of a slave by an overseer, a woman set free by her owner's will, attempts to free a woman who "passed" as white, the efforts of a family of free people of color to maintain their land, and the rights of heirs born to an enslaved woman. Details the lives of the individuals affected by each case within the context of Texas' unique history as a frontier slave state. Discusses differing attitudes toward the issues brought forward by the cases, including: interracial marriage, property rights, ownership rights, inheritance, manumission, and social class.

The University of Georgia Press, 2017. 245 pages.
342.764087 G416S 2017

6. Final Results of Sunset Reviews, 2018-2019

By Sunset Advisory Commission

Summarizes the actions taken by the 86th Legislature on the 32 entities that were under review by the Sunset Commission. Highlights major changes to the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC), Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and licensing and regulation. Provides the Sunset bill number, fiscal impact, and final action taken on each of the entities reviewed.

Sunset Advisory Commission, 2019. 66 pages.

Online at:

<https://irli.texas.gov/scanned/SIRSI/Final%20Results%20of%20Sunset%20Reviews%202018-2019.pdf>
S1500.8 AN79 2019

7. Biennial Report, Texas Ethics Commission, 2017-2018

By Texas Ethics Commission

Addresses Ethics Advisory Opinions issued, sworn complaints processed, civil penalties imposed, and statutory changes recommended in 2017-2018.

Texas Ethics Commission, 2018. 47 pages.

Online at: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/legislation/reports/BiennialReport_FY17-18.pdf
E2500.3 B477 2017-2018