



CSU  
College of Law Library

# Cleveland State Law Review

---

Volume 18 | Issue 1

Book Review

---

1969

## Book Review

Carroll H. Sierk

Follow this and additional works at: <https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/clevstrev>



Part of the [Law and Society Commons](#)

**How does access to this work benefit you? Let us know!**

---

### Recommended Citation

Carroll H. Sierk, Book Review, 18 Clev.-Marshall L. Rev. 218 (1969)

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at EngagedScholarship@CSU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Cleveland State Law Review by an authorized editor of EngagedScholarship@CSU. For more information, please contact [library.es@csuohio.edu](mailto:library.es@csuohio.edu).

*Reviewed by Carroll H. Sierk\**

LAW IN A CHANGING AMERICA. Edited by Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1968. pp. 207, \$5.95 (clothbound), \$2.45 (paperbound).

If there is a need for a relatively short book which catalogs and briefly discusses most of the challenging problems to be faced by the legal profession in the next few years, this book meets that need. If one is looking for completely worked out answers to such problems, this is not the book which supplies that need. One looking for something brilliant written by Geoffrey Hazard, Jr. is also certain to be disappointed. The only writing identified as that of Professor Hazard is a routine foreword which provides us with such unusual and startling statements as, "Whatever else it may be, contemporary and future society is complicated." Of course, an editor's contribution to a multi-author work need not be obvious to be substantial.

We are provided with a good beginning for a study of the big problems of our changing society which must be faced and solved by the legal profession if it is to play its appropriate leading role in shaping the legal structure of future society. (The book is basically a collection of papers designed as a basis for discussion at The American Assembly on Law and the Changing Society in March, 1968.) The selection of problems to be discussed (including many aspects of the urban crisis; the use of big government to balance the interests of big business, big labor, and the public—and the matter of protecting the individual against all four; the need for new ways of providing legal services to the lower income segments of the public; and the need for many changes in legal education) is excellent. Those selected to discuss them (including nationally known legal educators from Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Stanford, the University of Chicago, and U.C.L.A.) obviously are well qualified. But the solutions offered, to the extent that any are offered, are generally tentative and incomplete. The challenge is clearly presented. The answer to that challenge is not. This is not a good book for one who wishes to avoid thinking for himself about the problems of today and tomorrow. The "true rules" in black letter type simply are not there.

---

\* Associate Professor of Law, Cleveland-Marshall Law School.