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PATENT LAW PERSPECTIVES (Current service (2 volumes)). By Donald R. Dunner, James B. Gambrell, and Irving Kayton. (Mathew Bender, 235 E. 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017) 1970, 1971, and Supplemental Service (Various pagings).

This new service will prove invaluable for patent practitioners and anyone else who teaches, studies, or is affected by the dynamics of patent law. The authors, who are members of noted law school faculties, have adopted an ingenious method for presenting exhaustive analyses of decisions and trends, and of keeping the material as up to date as possible. The two-volume loose-leaf work is divided throughout into two parts, marked by the color of the pages: an annual review section, and a developments section. These are interleaved under a large number of headings and subheadings in such a manner that the reader can easily find the latest information available on a particular point, together with the author's sometimes controversial, but well-written analyses and opinions.

The principal headings are: Validity and Patent Office Practice; Infringement, Litigation and Procedure; Interferences; Unfair Competition and Alternate Forms of Protection; Government Contracts and Awards; Licensing and Sale; Taxation; Antitrust, Inequitable Conduct; and Misuse Defenses and various appendixes, indexes and tables. Although intended primarily as a reference work, the two volumes include a number of stimulating and, in several cases, brilliant legal essays on current problems of patent law. This reader was particularly struck by the discussions of patentability of computer programs and of licensee estoppel, both problems of interest beyond some of the more technical concerns of the patent bar.

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