Kentucky Lawyer by Judge Mac Swinford

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voiced what now seems to have been a real prophetic view of the problems to be encountered regarding human rights. She asserted that complete abolition of slavery was necessary to make this government "as perfect as human reason can conceive it."

This well-documented publication bears proof that Madame De Staël's thinking was far ahead of her time. Not a utopian, she partook freely of the political romanticism of Rousseau but seasoned it amply with the intellectualism of Montesquieu, thus employing a classical rationalism to implement a romantic meliorism.

The writers of this volume give conclusive evidence that De Staël was strong advocate of a western community of nations. She thought such an organization possible only through a strong assertion of Anglo-American leadership. Doubtless, in her mind resided the archetypal idea of NATO. Ironically, two world wars later, it is apparent that this "cosmopolitan feminist" had the formula for the early eradication, if not prevention, of the continental viruses of Naziism and Communism, and for that matter, other "isms" that have plagued European political health since her day.

This concise treatment of a neglected internationally influential individualist should be of great interest to an audience that appreciates a penetrating political interpretation expressed in brilliant literary language.

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This delightful book was written by the Honorable Mac Swinford, United States Judge, Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. Through the use of a collection of humorous stories and anecdotes taken from instances personally witnessed by the author or told to him by first or second hand observers, Judge Swinford vividly portrays the Kentucky lawyer in action. Although Kentucky lawyers of national and world stature appear as characters in the stories, the author is chiefly concerned with the lawyer never known beyond local or statewide orbit.

The Kentucky lawyer lives through the pages of this book as a man of honor, integrity, devotion and loyalty to the interests of his client, and above all as an attorney of unbounded resourcefulness.
The contents of this highly enjoyable book are indexed according to topics and only a partial listing of the subjects covered gives a good idea of the treat in store for the reader, i.e., Voices in the Night, No Comment, An "overspeaking judge," According to Law or Instructions, Namesake, Sturdy Oak, "Less Sympathy More Consideration," Helping the Judge, "Pass the Sugar," University of Camargo, Forceful Witness, Juries Usually Arrive at the Correct Decision, Wrong Man on Trial, No Kiss for Uncle Harry, The Case of the Diamond Ring, Around the Courthouse, Battle of San Juan Hills, The Prohibition Era, Zeke and the Chickens, Cost of Love, Yellow Dog Democrat, Old Fashioned Orator, "Old Ring," and Look to the Hills.

Judge Swinford has performed a valuable service by preserving in *Kentucky Lawyer* professional lore which might otherwise be lost. This book will be a valuable and entertaining addition to the library of all attorneys and a source of enjoyment for all readers, layman and lawyer alike.

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