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The new section of Atkin's Court Forms dealing with Ecclesiastical Law has been edited by Chancellor James Behrens. The section runs to 218 pages, including a succinct introduction to the range of ecclesiastical legal proceedings in both the ecclesiastical courts and the general courts. A significant number of these relate to disciplinary proceedings under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963, which will be largely superseded as a result of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003. However, forms relating to faculty proceedings and cathedral fabric appeals continue to be valuable. Proceedings relating to advowsons, pastoral schemes and such miscellaneous proceedings as chancel repairs and parsonage repairs are also useful. Normally Atkin's Court Forms may only be acquired by subscription for the full set. However, the publishers, LexisNexis, are offering this individual volume for £158.

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THE PROFESSION AND PRACTICE OF MEDIEVAL CANON LAW, by JAMES A BRUNDAGE, Aldershot, Ashgate Variorum, 2004, xii and 336 pp (hardback £59.50/\$109.95), ISBN 0-86078-927-6.

Professor Brundage is an acknowledged authority on medieval canon law, and has made the study of the professional training of its practitioners his main academic interest for over thirty years. It is his ambition to publish a monograph on the subject at some stage, but he recognises that this is still some way off, and so in the meantime he has compiled a set of eighteen articles and papers which he wrote between 1973 and 2001 and which have already been published in different journals and symposia. Exactly half of these come from the past decade, and only two come from before 1980, so that the research is generally more up-to-date than the overall period of composition might suggest.

The essays are arranged by subject, not in chronological order of delivery or publication, so the reader must be careful to verify the original source for each of them. In spite of this, they hang together remarkably well, and scholars will be grateful to have such a rich source of material available to them in a single volume.

The first section contains six articles devoted to the theme of the legal profession and their ethics. Here we learn how the teaching of canon law was intimately connected with that of civil law, and with the rise of the modern university, and we are reminded that many of the problems surrounding the legal profession have been with us from the middle ages

to the present day. The second section deals with legal education and the universities, and contains five separate pieces, two of which deal specifically with the Cambridge faculty of canon law. The third and final section brings us down to the hard realities of fees and legal practice, including the now fashionable subject of legal aid to the poor. This section also contains a fascinating study of the consistory court of Ely in the fourteenth century, which gives extensive biographical information about the advocates and proctors in the court at that time.

All the articles contain a wealth of footnotes, and readers should not miss the section headed 'addenda and corrigenda' at the end of the volume, which brings the material up to date in certain important respects. There is also an index to the whole collection, including a list of legal citations which will be of immense value to researchers. As with all Variorum reprints of this kind, the book does not have consecutive page numbers; instead, each article is given a Roman numeral, and the page numbering of the original publication is maintained. This may be disconcerting at first, but it has the great advantage that it is possible to cite the original source without having to look it up separately.

Inevitably, a book of this kind is more likely to appeal to historians than to modern lawyers, though the latter might be surprised to discover just how much of what they do has roots in the bygone middle ages. However, Professor Brundage's style is readily accessible, even to non-specialists, and since each article stands on its own, those with little or no prior knowledge of the subject need not feel unduly intimidated by it. Anyone who has worked his way through this volume will certainly have his appetite whetted for the forthcoming monograph, but in the meantime he can feel confident that in these pages he will have grasped the essence of the medieval canon law profession at work.

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RITUAL, TEXT AND LAW: Studies in Medieval Canon Law and Liturgy Presented to Roger E Reynolds, edited by KATHLEEN G CUSHING and RICHARD F GYUG, Ashgate, 2004, xiv + 326 pp (hardback £50.00) ISBN 0-7546-3869-3, from the series Church, Faith and Culture in the Medieval West.

These collected essays in honour of Professor Roger Reynolds successfully reflect his scholarly interests: the title itself points to the interdisciplinary work he has done over decades on the relationship between medieval canon law and liturgy, chiefly through the investigation of texts and their transmission. The volume includes several plates, recalling Reynolds's attention to illustrations in liturgical and canonical manuscripts. The bibliography of his principal publications extends from 1968 to a