

Book Review

TORTS IN THE CONFLICT OF LAWS.—By Moffatt Hancock, Asst. Prof. of Law, Univ., of Toronto. Published by the University of Michigan Press, Ann Harbor, Michigan. 288 Pages. Price: 5.00.

As its title indicates, this book deals, not with the general subject of conflict of laws, but with the more limited field of conflict of laws in tort cases. Within its limited scope, however, it contains more material and information on conflict of laws in tort cases than can ordinarily be found in books on conflict of laws in general.

The book is an analytical and critical exposition of the principles of conflict of laws applied by Anglo-American and Anglo-Dominion courts in the solution of tort cases. The author analyzes the recorded cases in terms of fundamental policies involved. The book, therefore, contributes its mite to the development of the science of law in addition to its practical utility.

The author traces the development of the law respecting foreign torts in England and the United States, discusses the choice-of-law policy, exclusion of foreign procedural rules and other limitations on the application of the law of the place of the wrong, some specific problems of tort, and conflict of laws in maritime torts. It contains an interesting discussion on "multiple contact cases", that is, cases where the operational facts are spread over two or more jurisdictions.

The great advance in land, water and air transportation during the past years has brought the Philippines closer to the other nations of the world. It is inevitable that more cases involving conflict of laws in torts will come up before our courts for adjudication. This book will prove a handy reference for those cases.

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