

# A Legal Miscellanea Spring 2004



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Continuation of *Annales de la Bibliothèque* (1986)

Among the most important and exciting of our recent acquisitions is *Annales de la Bibliothèque* (Paris, 1986). Acquired at the December, 2003, Sotheby's (New York) auction of the library of the late eminent French law professor, this book is a significant addition to the Law Library's French Collection. It is the first accessible to hand, printed volume (DTC) published for special collections that is also a complete, and in fact the one of the very earliest compilations of regional French customary laws.

Although not a "national edition" (the *BCF* of which only a single copy survives, now printed in Angers, 1570), *Annales de la Bibliothèque* is a work of immense scope. It is one of only two recorded copies in the United States, and the only complete copy. The *Annales* spans 8 to Paris at the Université Collège de France.

The elegant simplicity of this book, with its references inside and paragraph margins, rise with its importance to a landmark in French legal culture. Scattered early manuscripts add to its unique and appeal as a research resource. It is available bound in leather and Morocco with gilt edges, marbled endpapers, and Morocco slipcase.

Continuation of *Annales de la Bibliothèque*. The more information about this book, or for an illustrated brochure about the French Collection, please see the contact information in the box at the bottom of page 2. ❖

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In generous gift of Paul G. Deming, Esq. (LEDF) has established the South Bronx Law Library's first archival collection. Mr. Deming's professional papers spanning 80+ years (1940-2003) provide researchers at the Law Library with an inside legal perspective on the development of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration from its preformation, the National Aeronautics Committee on Aeronautics. Also prominently featured in the Deming papers are significant materials tracing issues of government procurement, from its availability within a new Special Collections website (<http://www.law.libnet.org/arcollections/arcollections.html>) in the volume and history which Mr. Deming shared at the time he donated his papers to the Law Library.

Paul Deming, the principal author and member of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, served NASA in a number of capacities. He was the first Chairman of the NASA Board of Contract Appeals, and later Contract Counsel and Deputy Associate Administrator. His wide and varied Philadelphia legal career included the General Counsel post at the General Accounting Office, a fifteen year partnership and later senior counsel relationship with the law firm Schreyer, Horowitz, Vogel and Cohen, and a long association with the Law School as a professional lecturer in law teaching courses such as The International Law of Air Space, and Legal Protection Against Technological Harassment. Mr. Deming's many contributions to his profession include service to the American Bar Association as Chairman of the Air Space Procurement Code Coordinating Committee, and Chairman of the Public Contract Law Section, as well as being and distinguished lecturer to the Federal Bar Association.

In direct processing of Paul Deming's papers is complete, and the collection is ready for use by researchers. For access to the Deming collection, or any questions regarding the collection, please see the contact information at the bottom of page 2. ❖

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