Law Center Report

We are pleased to report the publication of the first monograph in the P.T.C. Law, Science and Technology Monograph Series: *The Presumption of Validity: A Study of its Effect on Case Law Since 1952,* by David A. Lowin. (Information on the purchase of this monograph appears at page 313 of this issue.)

This monograph is the result of P.T.C. sponsored research, analyzing over 1,100 cases in the United States District Courts and Courts of Appeals. The cases selected were restricted to those headnoted with specific court reference to the presumption of validity, a limitation which assured that the presumption was at least considered.

The following information was accumulated from each of the cases studied: the court, the judge, the year, the number and types of patents involved, the number and types of patents held valid and invalid, and the reasons for holdings of invalidity. This voluminous information is presented in easily readable tabular form for each court and judge involved, including overall summaries of their records. The monograph also includes several interesting graphic displays of the study results.

One industrial legal advisor to the P.T.C. who critiqued the report commented that the study would be of important help to practitioners in gaining insight into the attitudes of the individual courts throughout the land.

We shall be reporting the publication of other recently completed research programs (IDEA, Volume 20, No. 1, p. 119) in the next issues.

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