

—Logic in Recent Judgments of the Supreme Court” by Prof. Tohru Mizutani of Niigata University.

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4. Criminal Law and Procedure

The Criminal Law Society of Japan held its 55th general meeting at Ryukoku University on May 12 and 13, 1979 and its 56th general meeting at Rikkyo University on Oct. 20 and 21, the same year. The titles of the reports and the reporters are as follows:

[The 55th General Meeting]

Reports:

“Study on Punishable Illegality,” by Asst. Prof. Masahide Maeda of the Tokyo Metropolitan University.

“Inveterate Alcoholism and Ability of Criminal Responsibility — centering on discussions in the United States on the prohibition of punishment in the crime of public intoxication,” by Prof. Keiji Tanaka of Kagoshima University.

“Progressive and Conservative Nature of Josephine Criminal Code — in the pursuit of the origin of the modern criminal law,” by Professors Emeriti Chihiro Saheki and Shigemasa Ueda, and Prof. Naohira Takeda.

Joint Reports:

“Early Days of Kansai School of Criminal Law Theory,” by Professors Emeriti Chihiro Saheki and Shigemasa Ueda, and Prof. Naohira Takeda.

Joint Research:

“Traces of Postwar Theories on Criminal Liability” Reports by Prof. Tsuyoshi Manabe of Saga University, Prof. Toshio Sawanobori of Kokugakuin University and Prof. Junji Abe of Tohoku University with Prof. Kenichi Nakayama of Kyoto University acting as chairman.

[The 56th General Meeting]***Lectures:***

“Trends of American Administration of Criminal Justice,” by Prof. S. H. Kadish of the University of California. (Interpreter: Prof. Yasumasa Okabe)

“Double and Single Aspects of the Principle of Responsibility,” by Prof. C. Roxin of Munich University. (Interpreter: Prof. Seiji Saito)

Reports:

“Basis of Punishment for Complicity in Crime — especially in connection with necessary complicity,” by Instructor Yoshihisa Okoshi of Tsukuba University.

“Illegality of Attempted Offenses,” by Asst. Prof. Minoru Nomura of Waseda University.

“Prosecutors and Defense Counsel in the Reform of the West German Code of Criminal Procedure — centering on the 1975 Reform,” by Asst. Prof. Akimasa Takada of Okayama University.

Subcommittee Meetings:

1. “Structure and Prospect and Structure of Criminal Trial”
Chairman: Prof. Kageaki Mitsudo of Osaka Municipal University.
Panelists: Prof. Makoto Mitsui of Kobe University
Prof. Koya Matsuo of Tokyo University
2. “Problems of Prison Law”
Chairman: Prof. Ikuzo Maeno of Kansei Gakuin University
Panelists: Prof. Masuyuki Morimoto of Shimane University, Asst. Prof. Masaaki Fukuda of Osaka Uni-

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5. Commercial Law

The Japan Association of Private Law held a symposium in 1979 on the theme "Liability of Company Directors and Officers."

Discussions were held on the following reports entered at the symposium:

1. "Legal Duties of Directors," by Prof. Katsuro Kanzaki.
2. "Transactions involving the Interests of Directors — Obligation of Non-Competition," by Asst. Prof. Shigeru Morimoto.
3. "Liability of Directors to Third Party," by Prof. Katsuro Ueyanagi.
4. "Legal System and Function of Pursuit of Directors' Civil Liabilities," by Prof. Ichiro Komoto.

The number of lawsuits centering on the pursuit of directors' liabilities has been increasing in recent years in this country, and the court decisions appear to be favoring expanded interpretation of the scope of directors' liabilities. The symposium, mindful of the prevailing trends and the work of the amendment of the business corporation law now under way, has made efforts to clarify various important problems centering on the liabilities of company directors.

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