Space Law by Paul B. Larsen

Space law is an area of International Law that has developed massively in the last fifty years. Francis Lyall, Emeritus Professor of Public Law at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and Paul B. Larsen, Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law Centre, Washington DC, and formerly lawyer for the Office of the US Secretary of Transportation, have been involved with it since their days at the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University, Montreal, in 1963-64 and both teach Space Law at their respective Universities. This book gathers together their experience in readable form, and, with an extensive citation of the literature of space law, its discussion provides an excellent source for both students and practitioners. This title covers such topics as: Law - International Law; General Aerospace & Aviation; and, Aviation Business & Economics.

My Personal Review:
This thoughtful and highly informative treatise will intrigue lawyers and nonlawyers alike.

Most of us are unfamiliar with the current debate over the evolving law of space. And yet, representatives of the nations of the world are now deciding how to regulate this newest of all new (and wild) frontiers. Could our future be sealed without public awareness or involvement?

The greatest threat to Earth from outer space arises from the activities of human beings. Has the U.S. been constructive in the debate over how to contain those activities? Or have U.S. positions helped assure the militarization of space for the indefinite future? What are the implications of decisions being reached today through United Nations efforts to impose order on outer space?

Mssrs. Larsen and Lyall have been on or near the front lines of efforts to impose some degree of responsible regulatory control over the actions of humans in and affecting outer space. Their expertise and wisdom is evident throughout this thought provoking book.
For those who are (or want to be) experts in the field of space law, this treatise is required reading and a valuable reference. For the rest of us, it offers a way into a new field worth investigating. The imagination takes flight as we look seriously at space as a new territory for extensive human endeavor. And surely this is what it has become.

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