

The A-9: A Program for Drafting Security Agreements Under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code

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FOREWORD

For the past four years, the American Bar Foundation has been investigating improved ways of automating the more routine aspects of the practice of law.* This project has aroused considerable interest both in academic circles and among the companies that market computers to the legal profession.

One of the first commercial concerns to implement a computer system embodying some of the fruits of this research is Legal Management Systems, Incorporated, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. After viewing a prototype ABF system in 1977, this company implemented and is now marketing an inexpensive law office computer that can automate the assembly of form legal documents as well as perform other routine law office word processing and accounting functions.

In the following article, Professors William E. Boyd and Charles S. Saxon describe how they have used Legal Management System's new law office computer to implement an automated drafting system for assembling security agreements in accordance with Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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