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Past and Present:

Galen Press was founded in 1988 and is an imprint of Looking Glass Publications (LGP). Its publisher and founder is Alice O’Leary, former administrative officer of the Society for Scholarly Publishing.

Galen Press personifies the small press, “niche” publisher. It currently has three titles in print, all part of its Marijuana, Medicine & and The Law series. Marijuana, Medicine & The Law, Volumes I and II contain the testimony, legal briefs, and judicial decisions of court-ordered hearings before the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. These hearings, which were conducted between 1986-1988, constitute the most extensive review of marijuana’s medical utility in the twentieth century. The Midwest Book Review praised the books as a “solid piece of research” and said “the specific nature of this collection is to be commended.”

Galen’s most recent book, Cancer Treatment & Marijuana Therapy, continues to dissect and reprint the court proceedings. The official publication date is September, 1990. This volume concentrates solely on the testimony and evidence relating to marijuana’s use as an anti-nausea and anti-vomiting drug. Galen Press is planning at least three more books in the Marijuana, Medicine & The Law series. The Press is also negotiating the publication of conference proceedings from an international conference on cannabis research.

“The data contained in these books — much of it unpublished, state research studies — is vitally important to the public and the medical community,” says Alice O’Leary, publisher. “The simple truth is that thousands of people are using marijuana medically and they have a right to the most current information available. The wealth of knowledge from these hearings is simply overwhelming.”

Long range plans include exploration of Out of Print books from the field of ethnomedicine.

Against the Grain