Record Nr. UNINA9910784508103321 Autore Dickson Julie Titolo Evaluation and legal theory / / Julie Dickson; general editor John Gardner Oxford;; Portland, Oregon:,: Hart Publishing,, 2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4725-6236-4 1-281-04191-2 9786611041915 1-84731-308-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (161 p.) Collana Legal theory today Disciplina 340/.1 Soggetti Law - Methodology Values Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. What's the Point of Jurisprudence? -- 2. Introducing the Moral Evaluation Thesis -- 3. Indirectly Evaluative Legal Theory: Meeting Finnis' Challenge -- 4. Finnis and the Moral Justification Thesis -- 5. The Beneficial Moral Consequences Thesis and an Introduction to Dworkinian Methodology -- 6. What's the Point of Law? Dworkinian Methodology and the Argument from Law's Function -- 7. Carrying on the Conversation. "If Raz and Dworkin disagree over how law should be characterised, how Sommario/riassunto are we, their jurisprudential public, supposed to go about adjudicating between the rival theories which they offer us? To what considerations would those theorists themselves appeal in order to convince us that their accounts of law are accurate and successful? Moreover, what is it that makes an account of law successful? Evaluation and Legal Theory tackles methodological or meta-theoretical issues such as these, and does so via attempting to answer the question: to what extent, and in what sense, must a legal theorist make value judgements about his data in order to construct a successful theory of law? Dispelling the

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