



EŞŤAKRĪ, ABŪ SA'ĪD ḤASAN

EŞŤAKRĪ, ABŪ SA'ĪD ḤASAN b. Aḥmad b. Yazīd, Shafi'ite jurisconsult and author (b. 244/858, d. in Baghdad, 328/939). He is usually described as the judge of Qom, but he also became the judge of Sejestān (some of his judicial decisions made there are known) at the invitation of the caliph al-Moqtader (295-320 /908-932). In addition, Eşṭakrī held the important post of *moḥtaseb*, or supervisor of the market, in Baghdad, and although the chronology of his life is not reported in the sources, it would appear from the accounts of his exchanges of views with contemporaries in Baghdad that he spent much of his professional life in the capital. He was held in very high esteem by his colleagues and many of his decisions and controversies with other scholars on points of law have been preserved in Sobkī's biography, which thus constitutes a useful source for the legal history of the period.

None of Eşṭakrī's works have come down to us, although the titles of some are known. These are: *Ketāb al-farā'eż al-kabīr*, *Ketāb al-şorūṭ wa'l-waṭā'eq wa'l-maḥāżer wa'l-sejellāt*, *Adab al-qāzī*, and *Ketāb al-aqżīya*. Since they are all handbooks for the judge's practice, some may represent different titles of the same work.

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