

PREFACE

We would like to take this opportunity to share our goals as editors and to thank those who were instrumental in the completion of this book.

First, in choosing the topics that this book would cover, we endeavored to cover each step of working with an expert witness—from retention through trial. In addition to these broad-based topics, we identified specific types of experts (such as financial damages experts) and specific substantive areas of the law (such as securities litigation) that merited particularized attention. In the end, we have compiled an eminently practical book that contains elements relevant to the practice of every litigator.

Second, in soliciting authors, we looked for experienced litigators with diverse backgrounds and for junior attorneys with unique perspectives. Our goal was to combine tried-and-true tactics, modern angles, and accessibility. In addition, we chose attorneys with diverse practice experience and backgrounds. Our authors hail from 18 states and 43 different institutions, including international law firms, boutique law firms, consulting firms, accounting firms, law schools, and the bench.

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