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PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION

The development of conflict of laws in the United States over the past fifty years, a matter of great interest to the legal profession, is traced in the successive editions of this Handbook by the late Judge Herbert F. Goodrich. This evolutionary process accelerated during the fifteen years since the third edition of this work and necessitated a revised edition. This edition is an attempt to depict the current status of this process.

Judge Goodrich contributed greatly to the growth in the field of conflict of laws as judge, scholar, and Director of the American Law Institute. An enthusiastic supporter of the Restatement, Judge Goodrich also recognized the many modifications time has brought to conflict of laws. Many of the significant recent changes in the patterns of choice of law, full faith and credit, and jurisdiction were anticipated in earlier editions of this Handbook.

While I bear full responsibility for this edition, the manuscript suffered from the want of Judge Goodrich's critical comments, for regretfully his premature death occurred early in our collaboration. The frank and ready exchange of views with this warm and genial person made changes in the prior edition easier during his lifetime than thereafter.

The organization of the Handbook follows that of the earlier edition. Most of the substantial variations in the subject matter that have occurred since the last edition are reflected in jurisdiction and the choice of law areas of torts and contracts. Other departures from prior editions have been made when indicated by recent authorities or by reappraisal of the policies relevant to the issues discussed.

An expression of appreciation must be made to the many persons whose assistance is reflected in this edition. The many students and colleagues whose ready comments and criticisms make this area of law so stimulating, the patient stenographers who ferreted meanings from illegible notes, all have made a contribution that cannot be measured. Of particular value was the help of Messrs. Ronald Klein and David M. Cohen, who served as research assistants during major portions of the revision.

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