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# PREFACE TO THE SEVENTH EDITION

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It is amazing how technology in the surveying profession has advanced in the last 50 years, as it has in other professions. The medical profession has extended the average human life span, and now we see many octogenarians, some even in our own families. In contrast, the law, with the exception of a few areas such as human rights and minority rights, has remained fairly constant. In the field of real property and boundaries, easements, rights of view, and especially air rights, contemporary laws still are tied to ancient laws and doctrines. As surveyors struggle to come into the modern world, we now have ready and easy access to modern technology for retracing and re-describing ancient boundaries and rights, some of which were originally created decades ago by unknown surveyors who left few records. With this comes a conflict between technology and law, creating for modern courts and surveyors the dilemma of selecting the best course of action.

Since this text is used by students as a source for their knowledge of the legal aspects of boundaries as well as by the courts to support their legal decisions concerning boundaries, we hope this new addition will provide the modern guidelines for making correct decisions based on sound evidence and proven historic principles rather than bad decisions based on speculation, guesswork, and poor retracement practices.

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