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PREFACE

This book is intended for use in law school courses that teach the fundamentals of legal ethics. It should be used in conjunction with the current edition of West's *Professional Responsibility Standards, Rules, and Statutes* (John S. Dzienkowski, ed.). Either the full or the abridged edition of that book will suffice.

The Ninth Edition includes the following features:

- *The Problem Method*: Each chapter begins with a set of problems for discussion in the classroom. Some of the problems are drawn from decided cases, ethics opinions, and the writings of scholars in the field. Others are drawn from our own experience in teaching and law practice and from discussions we have had with judges and practicing lawyers. We have attempted to provide realistic problems—the kind that arise with disturbing frequency in the daily practice of law.

- *Background Readings*: For each major topic, we have included background reading material that illustrates the variety of sources to which a lawyer or judge can turn when seeking answers to ethics questions. The materials include ethics rules, judicial opinions, ethics committee opinions, and excerpts from articles and books written by judges, lawyers, and law teachers.

- *Supplemental Readings*: In each chapter, we have suggested supplemental readings from *The Law of Lawyering* by Geoffrey Hazard and William Hodes, and from the American Law Institute's *Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers* (2000).

- *Descriptive Text*: Some chapters include text in which we attempt to pack a lot of information into a few pages. Examples are Chapter Two, which includes a description of the organized bar and its functions; Chapter Four, which includes a history of lawyer advertising and solicitation; and Chapter Six, which includes a summary of the law of legal malpractice.

- *Multiple Choice Questions*: At the end of each chapter, except Chapters One and Fourteen, we have included some multiple choice questions. The Appendix at the back of the book gives our proposed answers and the reasoning behind them. Some of the questions review material that is covered in the chapter, and others cover points that are not otherwise mentioned in the book.

We hope you enjoy the book.

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