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Moving beyond the primary market of issuance, the book also puts these instruments in the context of the trading markets where financial intermediaries deal and invest. In addition to explaining the state and federal law framework for these instruments, the book focuses on cases that contain good lessons for the practitioner. To economize on coverage, we have eliminated the chapters on retirement plans and insurance from previous editions. Since the Second Edition, the Dodd–Frank Act has changed the regulatory framework for the debt markets. Hence, this edition incorporates the implications of the Dodd–Frank Act throughout the text. To help students track their progress, a set of chapter objectives has been added at the beginning of each chapter.

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