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## Preface to the Third Edition

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The current update of the statutory and case materials speaks for itself, and requires no further comment. It may be added, however, that the ambivalence which I have previously expressed (see Preface to the First Edition) as to the phrase "entertainment law" continues. That phrase has gained a wider acceptance both in the profession and in academia. Increasingly, it has come to refer to the form and substance of contractual arrangements within the entertainment industries. In this sense entertainment law refers to deal making. A course devoted to this subject matter might more accurately be referred to as Entertainment Transactions. In contrast, the subject matter of this work deals with the substantive causes of action likely to arise in the entertainment context in the absence of an applicable contract. This may be referred to as Entertainment Litigation. To be sure, breach of contract in an entertainment context may also be viewed as entertainment litigation. But for pedagogical reasons it seems best to leave such problems to courses in contract law. The above is by way of explanation of the new subtitle of this work, which employs the phrase entertainment litigation.

I should like to incorporate by reference and repeat here the acknowledgments and thanks contained in the Prefaces to the first two editions. In addition, I wish to thank Wayne Williams, UCLA Law Class of '84, for his valuable research assistance. Finally, my thanks to my secretary, Margaret Kiever, who as usual proved invaluable, in helping to obtain the new illustrations, and generally in putting everything together.

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