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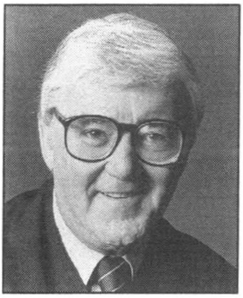

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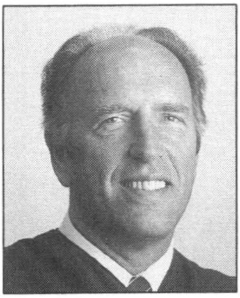

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PREFACE

This text is written with the intent to provide step-by-step guidance through the ever-changing field of domestic relations practice.

Family law lawyers must be familiar with a wide spectrum of substantive and procedural law; and must stay on top of a growing mountain of statewide and local procedural rules. We explain the statutes, rules and cases, and offer our analysis of the many lingering issues. We include "practice pointers," tactical considerations and essential forms to suggest the best way of getting from starting point to destination. Our goal is to provide you with the practical "know how" you need to serve your clients with competence and confidence.

Now in its 14th year, this Practice Guide has gone through evolutionary change. With the enactment of the Family Code, we have rewritten the text to bring you a new "roadmap" through the difficult terrain of family law practice. And we will continue to revise this book in the coming years to keep you current and catch new trends as they develop.

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Finally, our thanks to you, the practitioners, for your comments and suggestions in helping us keep the Practice Guide on target. With your input, this Practice Guide achieves its aim of making life a little easier for all of us!

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