FOREWORD

Originally introduced in 1992, and updated in 2002, *Covenants against Competition in Franchise Agreements* is one of the crown jewels in the collection of Forum publications. As with a fine wine, this publication has become even better with age. This increased value is directly attributable to the efforts of all of those involved in this publication over the past twenty years, including Peter Klarfeld who steered the First and Second Edition to completion. Peter’s contributions will always be remembered by those with whom he worked on the First and Second Editions. As a frequent user of this book, I will be forever grateful. As if editing the first two editions of this publication were not enough, Peter gave freely of his time and talent to assist the co-editors of this Third Edition in bringing this work to fruition. On behalf of the Forum, I cannot thank Peter enough for his efforts.

In any event, as an avid user of this resource, I was curious to see how the current editors, Tami McKnew and Michael Gray, along with their authors, would top what was published in the First and Second Editions. I am pleased to report that Tami, Mike, and their authors have met the standard set by Peter and his authors, producing a worthy successor to the First and Second Editions. By adding chapters on Canada and Mexico, Mike, Tami, and their authors have managed to raise the very lofty bar set by the First and Second Editions and have brought additional value to Forum membership through this publication.

On behalf of the Forum, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Mike and Tami as well as the legions of authors who worked with them on this publication. I also want to recognize the work of Dean Fournaris and Teri Koller, the liaisons for this Third Edition from the Forum Publications Committee. Without the work of all of these people, this Edition does not become a reality and as practitioners we are left with a void as to the current state of the law on these very important issues. Thank you all for giving so selflessly of your time and talents. Your publication will help educate a new generation of lawyers on the current state of the law on covenants against competition in the franchise context. On behalf of the other members of the Forum, we look forward to the Fourth Edition in 2022.

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