**Introduction**

The first edition of this guide was published in 2011 and was very well received. This guide is being actively used in law offices, corporate law departments, and federal, state, and local government offices across the country. This second edition replaces and supersedes the first edition and provides valuable and timely updates for all states. In the second edition, we have also added summaries for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Each summary also contains a new section about each government’s use and implementation of the Model Procurement Code. Finally, this guide will now be available in electronic format, which was a feature that was widely requested, but unavailable, in the previous edition. We hope having the guide available in this format will allow even more users to have this resource readily available to them for use in their everyday work.

As those involved in state purchasing are well aware, purchasing laws and regulations can change quickly. Therefore, the reader should check the current status of the laws and regulations cited in these summaries before relying on them in legal briefs and arguments. These summaries are not intended, nor should they be construed, as legal advice or as a comprehensive collection of all relevant laws.

The summaries generally focus on purchasing at the state level and provide information about procurement statutes and regulations, bid processes, bid protest procedures, and administrative and judicial remedies. The Section hopes that this book becomes a staple in your library and that you will find it to be an invaluable resource. We welcome your ideas on how the Section can assist you in the future.

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