FOREWORD

The Section of Antitrust Law of the American Bar Association is pleased to present the *Pharmaceutical Industry Antitrust Handbook, Second Edition*. This handbook is intended to provide comprehensive guidance about the analysis of the most important antitrust questions faced today by pharmaceutical companies and participants in related health care industries, and is designed to update the original *Handbook*, published in 2009.

The *Handbook* provides an overview of the pharmaceutical industry, including the market participants, FDA regulatory structure, and background on private litigation and government enforcement. It then addresses the substantive antitrust issues presented by mergers and acquisition, joint ventures, various forms of potentially anticompetitive conduct, and distribution. Finally, it discusses the kinds of economic data that are integral to antitrust analysis for this industry.

The Section of Antitrust Law is grateful to Second Edition editors Jacqueline Grise and Richard Coe, who applied their substantial experience regarding these markets to this edition and who devoted extensive time and effort to its preparation. We believe this Second Edition provides a valuable and unique resource to both the antitrust and pharmaceutical communities.

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