

## Preface

In 2008, we began work on the second edition of *The Law of Probate Bonds*. We reviewed the first edition to try and figure out how to make it better. We split up chapters, added topics, and reorganized the presentation of information. We contacted original authors and added some new ones.

Putting the book together over the last six years was a little like riding a rollercoaster. We even stopped work when we learned that it would not be published. When Mike Pipkin became the chair elect of the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee (FSLC), he agreed to bring the book back to life so it could be published and available at the FSLC Midwinter Meeting in 2015. Thank you Mike!

The book has come a long way since the first edition was released in 2001. That book is an indispensable resource for surety practitioners and claim handlers. It is no longer available from the American Bar Association, and the editors of the first edition continue to receive phone calls and e-mails with requests to purchase copies. We hope that the second edition will be even more valuable, comprehensive, and useful.

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We hope you find this book useful, helpful, and informative. We enjoy working on probate bond matters and sharing our knowledge and experience with you. If this publication makes your job just a little bit easier, then we have done our job.

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