

FOREWORD

At the 1997 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, the TIPS Appellate Advocacy Committee presented a well-attended program on amicus practice. The panelists were the Honorable Kathryn Mickle Werdegar of the California Supreme Court, former U.S. Solicitor General and D.C. Circuit Judge Kenneth W. Starr, and these TIPS members: Pamela Beckham, Alan J. Lazarus, Karen M. Grundy, Mukesh Advani, and Mark E. Solomons. Based on that program, Reagan Simpson, who was the program chair, wrote the first edition of this book. Since then, Reagan and Judge Mary R. Vasaly have collaborated in producing three more editions. As well as being the most expansive update, this fourth edition features many new examples of amicus briefs by premier appellate lawyers and a compendium of amicus rules in U.S. jurisdictions. As shown by its revised title, this edition aims to address every key facet of the increasingly important amicus practice.