Preface

When we began contacting people about contributing to this book, everyone’s response was the same. We all agreed that there was a tremendous need at this time for materials that could explain the overwhelming number of changes in the law, including enactment of the America Invents Act of 2011, recent court decisions, and changes in regulations in the past two or three years that directly impact technology transfer activities at our universities and medical schools. Each of us, being practitioners who serve the technology transfer community, understood that these changes impact technology transfer operations in ways that are unique and unexpected. So, who better to ponder and provide guidance regarding these changes? However, we also knew, precisely due to all of these changes, that no one of us by ourselves could undertake this huge feat. In the spirit of collaboration, which is the mantra of technology transfer anyway, we agreed that if we each bit off a piece, together we could assemble a volume that would serve as an authoritative guide for everyone who has the distinct privilege of working with universities, medical schools, and faculty in the area of technology transfer law. Putting aside our usual crises and personal obligations, together we produced this wonderful handbook that we hope you will agree is a “must read” for every technology transfer office and the practitioners who serve and support them. We are very grateful to all of the authors and contributors for their efforts in this endeavor. We would also like to thank the ABA Intellectual Property Law Section for all of its support and enthusiasm for this book.

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