When the publisher suggested this text in late 2014, I embraced the project eagerly, as my students in the College of Medicine were awed by those speakers who came to our Public Health Policy class from the Ebola war “front lines” in Africa. I recognized that many of my law students who had endured the study of antibiotics regulation in our Food & Drug Law courses would be watching as the industrial effort to scale up clinical trials of Ebola-killing agents reached a crescendo. And like many texts that can be “ripped from the headlines,” I realized that the quality and staying power of any book requires a patient transcendence of urgent headlines, going beyond the day’s news into the crucial study of “why” and “how” questions.

This book could not have been attempted without the diligent sharing of wisdom by a true thought leader and active advocate for global health, Dr. Victoria Wells Wulsin, M.D., Dr.P.H. Vic epitomizes the quality of servant leadership that makes a great positive difference in the world. We all owe her thanks for her fine efforts against HIV and STD infections in Kenya as well as in America. Her chapters of wisdom herein are very insightful. Words do not adequately reflect all that we owe her for her great efforts to live her professional calling, to help save real lives of real children and adults. The people of Kenya and the people of greater Cincinnati join us in admiration for Dr. Wulsin’s many contributions to global public health.

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This is neither the first nor the last book written on infectious disease. We hope that the reader will embrace some of the learnings from this text.
and build upon them, as we have developed our efforts along the paths trod by others before us. Please take this knowledge and apply it to help our global neighbors.

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