Preface

We are pleased to introduce the fifth edition of the *Federal Administrative Procedure Sourcebook*. Initially begun by the Administrative Conference of the United States in 1985, with successive editions in 1992, 2000, and 2008, this revision of the *Sourcebook* is the third under the auspices of the American Bar Association Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice. It reflects numerous statutory and regulatory changes in the eight years since the last edition was published in 2008.

With the 1995 demise of the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), the American Bar Association’s Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice decided to continue updating and publishing this *Sourcebook*—one of ACUS’s most popular and valuable texts—so that the closing of ACUS would not end the utility of this resource guide. We are pleased to note that ACUS was reestablished in 2010 and is continuing its good work. Its many recommendations on administrative procedure issued from 2010 to 2015 are noted at the appropriate place in this Sourcebook. ACUS has also continued to publish useful guides; see, e.g., its *Sourcebook of United States Executive Agencies* (by David E. Lewis & Jennifer L. Selin) (December 2012).

This fifth edition of the *Sourcebook*, like previous ones, provides access to, and explanations of, many of the laws broadly applicable to federal agency officials. Although no important new administrative procedural statutes have been enacted since 2008, there was a major amendment to the Government Performance and Results Act, and many new developments concerning White House Orders and Memoranda on Rulemaking in the Obama Administration are reflected in this edition. Also, this edition includes even more references and information on online materials and web addresses that are likely to be of use to lawyers and researchers in this area.

The *Sourcebook* is intended for several audiences. A primary audience comprises agency administrators, attorneys, and other federal employees. Thus, federal administrators wishing for a concise description of a particular statute’s operation and effect may refer to the overview section. Agency officials and their attorneys may benefit at other times from having at their fingertips a desk book that compiles the major laws and related guidance that affect their operations (apart from authorizing and budgetary statutes, of course). We also hope that private attorneys, reviewing judges, scholars, congressional staff, and others performing research in administrative law or public admin-
istration will find convenient starting points in the Sourcebook’s overview, legislative history, and bibliography sections.

Although this edition required considerable updating, we were building on the efforts of our colleagues who contributed chapters to previous ACUS editions. They include Michael Bowers, Gary Edles, Mary Candace Fowler, Kevin Jessar, Nancy Miller, William Olmstead, and David Pritzker. We also salute our co-editor in the third and fourth editions, Charles Pou, Jr. Finally, we benefited from the exceptionally helpful review of the chapters in this edition by Rose Monahan, class of 2015, Washington College of Law, American University.

We hope that you will find this volume a helpful one.

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