Preface

As more Americans turn age 65, the traditional portal to old age, or as this book puts it, later life, more Americans and their attorneys are concerned about the law surrounding their health care and the consequences of health care decision making for individuals of diminished capacity. In particular, older individuals need counseling and guidance about health care decisions that arise at the end of life. *The Law of Later Life Health Care Decision Making (second edition)* provides a comprehensive description of the manner in which the law regulates and reacts to health care and personal decision making for the elderly. Readers of this book will find answers to their questions about health care decision making. For those questions that have no answers, this book will outline the legal issues and the doctrines that are at play. The goal of the book is to help the reader understand the complex law that governs health care decision making.

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