Preface

Since 2001, the Business and Corporate Litigation Committee (BCLC) of the American Bar Association’s Business Law Section has published annually a comprehensive and authoritative compilation of recent developments in business and corporate litigation. This is not the first time I’ve written the introduction to this valuable resource. I authored the 2006 Preface—after serving as Editor-in-Chief of the publication since its “birth” in 2001. So, perhaps it’s only fitting that “what goes around, comes around”—I’m now writing the Preface for the 2018 edition of Recent Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation—ten-plus years later as the Committee Chair.

Thanks to the perseverance and foresight of the Hon. Elizabeth Stong, Committee Chair in 2001, we packaged the voluminous materials from our annual Spring Meeting program on current developments in business/corporate litigation into a formal publication. Previously, these excellent materials had been referred to as the “Phone Book”—which aptly described the extensive detailed outlines and summaries of cases, legislation, trends, and developments in multiple subject areas of interest to business lawyers. As Chair of the BCLC’s Publications Subcommittee at the time, Judge Stong asked me to spearhead the initial Recent Developments publication.

That first formal publication contained multiple chapters ranging from ADR to Class Action Law to Securities Litigation. From there, we were off to the races. The 2018 edition contains 26 chapters authored by nearly 200 Committee members. This two-volume edition is divided into five parts:

1. Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice
2. Civil Business Claims
3. Business Associations Law
4. Employment & Labor Law
5. Finance & Securities Litigation & Arbitration

For nearly the past two decades, the BCLC’s collective written work has been introduced with an information-packed CLE program presented by Committee members during the Business Law Section’s Spring Meeting. That will be the case at the April 2018 Section Meeting in Orlando, with the program also including a perspective of recent legal developments from distinguished members of the judiciary.

Having served in the role of Editor-in-Chief, as well as a co-author of the Tribal Litigation Chapter for multiple years, I fully understand the incredible amount of volunteer work required for such an undertaking. Many thanks are in order. First of all, much appreciation is extended to the numerous authors who gave their time and talent to researching and writing their chapters. Next, kudos to Publications Subcommittee Chair Brad Newman for serving as Editor-in-Chief, with the able assistance of others at his law firm—they did a masterful job in “herding cats” and getting the final product completed on time and in excellent form. Special thanks to Pete Walsh, Chair of the Business Law Section Publications Board, and Chris Rockers, our fearless Section
Chair—for their patience and guidance in moving this publication through the necessary process. And last, but certainly not least, we are extremely grateful for the expertise and direction of Rick Paszkiet, BLS Content Development Manager, and Rachel Kahn, BLS Production Associate.

It’s with great pride as I look back at the first *Recent Developments* from 2001—which was a high quality, collaborative effort of many volunteers—and how the publication has grown and improved with each passing year. Thank you to everyone who keeps this publication close at hand and finds it to be a useful and necessary tool to his or her practice.

As work commences on the next edition, we seek your input on how to continue to improve the publication. We also welcome your participation in our Committee (and one or more of its many Subcommittees). If you have not already done so, please see the Committee’s webpage at https://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=CL150000. If you are a member of the Business Law Section, it costs nothing to join our Committee, and the benefits of membership are many.

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