

## FOREWORD

The Section of Antitrust Law of the American Bar Association proudly presents the *Telecom Antitrust Handbook, Third Edition*. Since publication of the Second Edition in 2013, the telecommunications industry has continued its rapid evolution as an industry and grown in importance to the overall economy. The industry has experienced many watershed developments including convergence of wireless and wireline technologies, new concerns about privacy and net neutrality, and expansion and interest in content creators. Applying antitrust principles to a cutting-edge industry faced with these developments and a growing body of governing precedents can be challenging for antitrust and telecom practitioners alike. This Handbook is intended to serve as a comprehensive review of the applicable law and an invaluable resource for practitioners who grapple with the many competition issues that arise in this dynamic industry and fluid area of the law.

This Handbook reflects years of effort and dedication from those who have closely followed and in some instances guided the evolution of the industry and applicable antitrust law. No other book provides as comprehensive and as current an analysis, and it is our hope that the Third Edition will be a lasting resource for those who practice in this increasingly critical industry sector. I am both pleased and proud that the book has been published during my term as Chair of the Antitrust Section.

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