

PREFACE

The *Telecom Antitrust Handbook, Third Edition* is intended to serve as a comprehensive review and analysis of the application of antitrust law and principles to the telecommunications industries—including wireline and wireless telecom, broadband access, and video programming distribution—for use by telecom and antitrust counsel in evaluating the many competitive issues that arise in the telecom markets.

The book guides the reader through the fundamental economic underpinnings of communications networks that make substantive analysis of antitrust issues in these sectors both unique and challenging (Chapter I), and then transitions to a discussion of the history of regulation and monopolization issues in the industry (Chapter II), restraints of trade (Chapter III), joint ventures (Chapter IV), mergers (Chapter V), immunity issues (Chapter VI), and finally an overview of consumer protection issues (Chapter VII), including the evolving regulation of consumer privacy.

It is our intent and hope that the *Telecom Antitrust Handbook* will serve as an important and useful tool for telecom practitioners who seek an introduction to antitrust law, as well as for antitrust practitioners who find themselves thrust into the telecom thicket.

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