

FOREWORD

The Section of Antitrust Law is pleased to present this first edition of the *Agriculture and Food Handbook*. Competition in the complex, diverse industries that make up the agriculture and food arena raises many novel and significant antitrust issues that can have worldwide effects. The *Agriculture and Food Handbook* provides a comprehensive review of the regulatory, antitrust, and consumer protection issues that arise in these industries.

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