With this volume in the series, we continue to bring chapters that illustrate, and in many cases offer solutions to, those problems being addressed through the application and interpretation of the attorney-client privilege and the attorney work-product doctrine. Although seemingly simple in definition, the interpretation of these two principles is increasingly being tested as new legal entities are created and modern technology is employed in today’s legal environment.

We have assembled what we feel is a diverse and knowledgeable group of practitioners, each of whom has brought his or her perspective to a problem or concept involving either the attorney-client privilege or work-product doctrine or both. Naturally, a volume like this, much less a series, could never have been produced without their scholarship and contributions of time and energy.

The original title of this series was *The Attorney-Client Privilege Under Siege*, and while the series has evolved from this seemingly single role into a broader consideration of the principles that apply to both the attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product doctrine, we remain mindful of the fact that there are still critics of the abuses that can occur to the legal process through the misappropriation of these doctrines, as there are commentators who question whether the doctrines themselves may have outlived their initial utility. We continue to believe in the vitality and need for the proper use of these principles to ensure a more just and efficient legal system. It is the lofty goal that this volume is intended to serve.

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