Preface

The U.S. federal government, as well as every state and territory of the United States, maintains an expansive administrative apparatus that each year affects millions of individuals, businesses, and institutions. Though they have much in common, the federal government, each state government, and the government of every U.S. territory have each developed unique approaches to administrative law and process.

For this reason, we have focused the content of this volume on the Administrative Procedures Acts (APAs) of the U.S. federal government (the busiest administrative forum), along with California, Texas, Florida, New York, and Illinois, the largest states with well-developed administrative environments. The particular requirements of the APAs for these states and the federal government demonstrate generally how administrative law and advocacy function, and highlight how they variously approach administrative law and process. In addition, we have included as many examples of commonly occurring legal challenges as reasonably possible, culled from all other U.S. states and territories.

The general discussions in this volume can help guide practitioners as they follow the APA requirements of the U.S. federal government, a particular state, or a territory of the United States in which counsel's matter is in process. Because the federal government, every state, and every territory has a body of law to guide participants in the administrative process, advocates should consult these governmental resources for guidance and direction in their particular locations. Practitioners should use the examples in this volume as illustrative instructional guidance.