
The third edition of Dickie and Russo’s book is a marvel. It is stunningly comprehensive and sophisticated, and yet accessible and practical. It provides a baseline education for the newcomer to the subjects covered, and also serves as a reference manual for the veteran. It covers all aspects of business as usual, but also identifies red flags to be on the lookout for. The title indicates a target audience of “practical lawyers,” but this book will also enhance the financial literacy of members of corporate audit committees and will greatly help those who are new entrants to the field of investment banking. Like the author of the book’s foreword, I wish this book had been around when I started practice 45 years ago.

—Thomas A. Cole, Chair Emeritus of the Executive Committee of Sidley Austin LLP and Lecturer at The University of Chicago Law School

Dealing with valuation and accounting issues for most lawyers is like facing the bracing waters of the Vineyard Sound in early June: best to immerse yourself deeply and without delay. From the securities lawyer preparing proxy statement describing the analysis of investment bankers, to the corporate litigator defending an appraisal proceeding, to an advisor helping a client acquire a business, all business lawyer who need a fundamentally sound grasp of basic financial principles. Bob Dickie and Pete Russo’s treatise is an anxiety-reliever, a great introductory source for new lawyers and reliable resource for experienced lawyers who all need a brush-up from time to time.

—The Honorable Leo E. Strine, Jr., Former Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court

When I began practicing law as a business lawyer about 45 years ago, I soon realized that I needed to understand financial statements to do a good job. Courses like The Dickie Group were not available in those days and I embarked on a self-taught course. I wish I had had Bob Dickie and Pete Russo’s book available then—it would have made my trek a lot easier and more informative.

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