The Antitrust Law Section of the American Bar Association is pleased to present this third edition of *Obtaining Discovery Abroad*, a guide to the collection of evidence abroad for use in United States civil litigation. The objective of this guide is to address many of the legal issues U.S. practitioners encounter when involved in litigation with a foreign component. Increasingly, U.S. practitioners are faced with the challenge of gaining access to evidence located outside the United States that is critical to their case. *Obtaining Discovery Abroad* not only addresses the relevant issues under U.S. law, but also contains several chapters discussing how certain foreign jurisdictions treat requests for evidence emanating from the United States.

In 2005, the Antitrust Law Section published the second edition of *Obtaining Discovery Abroad*. As the business and legal climate have changed dramatically since this last edition, the Section recognized the necessity of revisiting the topic with a new version. Although many of the same themes are addressed in this new work, the chapters have been updated and expanded. There are also several countries in this new work that were not included in the last edition. The book also addresses the relatively new privacy legislation that many jurisdictions have implemented which often complicate U.S. practitioners’ ability to obtain discovery abroad.

We recognize the substantial efforts of the many individuals who contributed their time and energy to the preparation of *Obtaining Discovery Abroad*. This applies not only to the authors of the various chapters, but also to all those individuals who contributed to achieving the level of quality expected by the Antitrust Law Section. In particular, the Section owes a debt of gratitude to John Taladay and Erik Koons for their leadership and commitment in serving as editors of this volume.

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