
FOREWORD

In 2010, the ABA Forum on Franchising published the first edition of the *Franchise Litigation Handbook*. At that time, the Governing Committee felt that this handbook would fill a necessary gap in the various resources sponsored by the Forum and written by Forum members. Eleven years later, we are now pleased to present the second edition. This handbook is exactly that—a manual or primer for franchise lawyers to use during litigation. It is a guide from seasoned practitioners on what works, what doesn't, and what to expect at each stage of a franchise dispute.

The first job in writing the second edition was to identify authors who would be willing to take the time to update the chapters from the first edition. Many authors from the first edition returned to update their chapters. Other authors were paired with prior chapter authors to revise a chapter. I would be remiss if I did not thank the authors from the first edition who gave us the building blocks for this edition.

Of course, this book would not exist without the current authors, so I want to offer the Forum's and my thanks to them. Each author devoted many hours of his or her time to this book, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, commitments to their practices, and other responsibilities. You will see from the author biographies that we recruited an accomplished and diverse group of authors—solo practitioners, arbitrators, mediators, in-house counsel, and franchisor and franchisee trial lawyers. Without their extraordinary efforts, this book would not have been possible.

I would next like to recognize and thank the co-editors of the second edition—Deborah Coldwell and Robert Einhorn. Deb's and Bob's attentive focus ensured that the eight chapters were written, edited, re-written, re-edited, and, finally, submitted for publication. Deb and Bob have done an excellent job making sure each chapter was thoughtful, succinct, and full of tips and practice pointers for franchise litigators.

Thanks also goes to Gary Batenhorst and Joseph Goode. Gary is the Publications Officer for the Forum and oversees the publication of all our monographs, guides, and handbooks. Joe has been the liaison to the Publications Committee for the handbook. Both Gary and Joe kept the project moving, enabling the Forum to present this excellent resource to you.

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