

## Preface

The Clean Air Act is one of the more challenging environmental statutes and has generated a multitude of regulatory requirements. Practicing in the Clean Air Act area often requires an added vigilance due to its complexity and the fact that many of the applicable statutory and regulatory provisions typically are subject to numerous U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), state, local, and tribal regulatory guidance interpretations, which may or may not be readily available.

This is the third edition of the basic guide to the Clean Air Act. The second edition, published in 2011, was titled *Clean Air Act, Basic Practice Series*. The goal of this book, *Clean Air Act Essentials*, is to provide legal practitioners, consultants, and other interested individuals with an overview of the Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations. It is not intended to be an exhaustive treatment of the Act; rather, it should be used as a starting point for answering basic Clean Air Act inquiries. In addition to the overview of the Act and the applicable EPA regulations, this book includes many useful references to EPA guidance documents, case law, and other materials that are intended to assist the reader in navigating through the multiple requirements of the Clean Air Act.

Considering that EPA continually amends its rules, issues new guidance documents, and makes applicability determinations, and because court decisions continue to shape Clean Air Act law, readers should always follow up with additional research instead of relying solely on the text of this book. Having completed our writing of the book in early 2021, we expect a large number of changes in air-quality-related policies and rules to occur over the next four years during the Biden administration, particularly with respect to new policies and regulations to reduce and/or avoid the emission of greenhouse gases.