

PREFACE

The Antitrust Law Section's goal with this fifth edition of the Health Care Handbook is to provide a comprehensive and objective guide to the antitrust issues in the United States healthcare industry. Representing a sizable portion of the American economy, few industries in the United States have received more attention from the press, legislators, and antitrust agencies than the healthcare industry, particularly in recent years. The healthcare industry is also one of the most complex and dynamic industries in the world. Over the past eleven years, individuals and companies in the industry have had to grapple with significant changes, including new laws and regulations, changes in managed care contracting, and a variety of significant economic pressures. And the antitrust agencies have promised to keep up with these changes and continue their robust enforcement in healthcare markets.

Achieving our goals for this publication took serious effort from dozens of members of the antitrust bar over several years to review and analyze all of the developments that have taken place since the first edition. Thanks to the efforts of these volunteers, this book bears little resemblance to the first edition.

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