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## Introduction

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### *Introduction*

Chancellor & Dean David Faigman

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This inaugural issue of *The Judges' Book* features excerpted scholarship from UC Hastings faculty members geared specifically toward judges, judicial business, and issues likely to come before courts for resolution.

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Key summaries in this volume feature the certification of class actions, the division of responsibility between judge and jury for expert evidence, the application of diversity jurisdiction in multiparty civil litigation, and the judicial enforceability of executive inaction, among many others.

An appendix lists our faculty's major works from 2016, including treatises such as the seminal Wright & Miller's Federal Practice and Procedure, amicus briefs filed in federal court, and leadership roles in judicial conferences.

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