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## **Introduction**

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Designed as a bridge between the public good of academic legal scholarship and the judicial application and development of the law, *The Judges' Book* connects ideas to practice. Chapters offer condensed and digestible summaries of works of particular use or interest to judges. The Center for Litigation and Courts at UC Hastings Law publishes it annually and distributes it for free to all federal judges nationwide and many state judges.

This new volume of *The Judges' Book* follows five successful editions. I have served as Editor in Chief for them all, but they are not solely, or even primarily, a product of my own efforts. More than sixty summaries have been included, written by more than thirty different authors. *The Judges' Book* could not exist without the willing labor of those authors. Nor could it exist without the UC Hastings College of the Law and the Center for Litigation and Courts, which have provided financial, editorial, production, and logistical support.

All that effort would be for naught, though, without an avid readership. I am always honored by the grateful notes and comments I receive from judges who have perused these pages. I return that gratitude. Nothing delights me more than to see a set of these volumes lined up on a chambers shelf. Connection is a two-way street, and only judges' willingness to peek inside allows the intended enrichment to have effect.

With deep appreciation and hope for continued connection, I bring you Volume 6.

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