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# Preface

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In this book you will find cases and statutes from each of nine states: the eight states that derived their community property systems from Spanish-Mexican or Spanish-French colonial law (Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington) and Wisconsin, which has community property law based upon the Uniform Marital Property Act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws in 1983. Within the same basic system, the states differ in their treatment of many issues. We hope that observation of these similarities and differences will enhance the student's understanding of a particular state's law and develop his or her critical faculties.

The cases and statutes have been edited to facilitate teaching. To save space, we have not indicated our editorial omissions by use of ellipses. We have, however, retained the ellipses in the courts' quotations within their opinions. An editors' footnote to a case or to material introducing a case is denoted by an asterisk; a footnote by the court is denoted by the number the footnote had in the original opinion. The editors' footnotes to "Notes" and "Problems" are consecutively numbered for each chapter.

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