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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

In the decade since the publication of the first edition of this book, there have been steady changes in most of the areas covered. None has been revolutionary on its own, but together the developments have had a substantial impact; those changes are reflected throughout this edition. We have also revised Chapter IV considerably in that we reorganized the material on modern choice-of-law theory and added a new discussion of the choice-of-law provisions of the Restatement (Second) of Conflict of Laws. Although the Second Restatement has become the dominant choice-of-law methodology in over half the states, it sometimes gets short shrift in conflicts courses. We hope that this edition's expanded treatment of the Second Restatement will help teachers cover the topic in a way that more accurately reflects its importance in contemporary choice-of-law practice. Finally, we have added a new section on cyberspace jurisdiction.

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