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PREFACE

This book is a completely revamped, updated version of the original 1993 edition. It is designed to serve as a valuable resource for torts professors teaching at all levels of instruction. It provides an enhanced theoretical and empirical foundation for a diverse selection of fundamental torts topics typically taught at the introductory level, such as the Hand formula, duty to rescue, market-share liability, and vicarious liability, while, at the same time, providing an in-depth exploration of cutting-edge issues suitable for an advanced course or seminar, such as medical malpractice, products liability, federal preemption of state tort law, and punitive damages.

Each chapter includes an introductory overview of a topic in tort law, followed by abridged readings, and then notes and questions, designed to be as provocative as the readings. This edition devotes considerable attention to empirical studies that shed light on various theoretical debates. The aim here is to give the instructor interesting material with which to work, and to equip the student with foundational tools useful for the critical reading of cases and articles.

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