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Preface

Indiana Legal Research is written for every legal researcher, those with a legal background and those without, those who have been practicing law in Indiana for years, and those new to the state's laws and legal resources. This book seeks to introduce the reader to the processes and techniques for conducting efficient and effective legal research, with a focus on Indiana sources and brief analogy to their federal counterparts. The book provides advice for conducting both print and electronic legal research, highlighting the tools available in either approach, and identifying the advantages and disadvantages of each, and times in the research process when one approach might be more beneficial than the other. Those more experienced at Indiana legal research will benefit from the book's gathering of all Indiana legal resources into one text, including both print and electronic, subscription-based and free, with examples of how and when to use each in the research process. The chapters of this book focus on discrete types of law and legal resources, from statutes and legislation to cases and court rules to administrative and executive materials to secondary sources in law. Additional chapters explore strategies for conducting, processing, and organizing one's research, and appendixes at the end provide advice on legal citation and additional research sources on the state of Indiana.

It is the authors' goal that *Indiana Legal Research* will be a helpful resource for researchers throughout the state of Indiana and beyond, those with the advantage of proximity to a law library and those living in more remote areas. Legal research can be a daunting endeavor, but this book and others in this series seek to make the process more manageable and relatable, regardless of one's familiarity with law and the legal system.

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