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# Preface and Acknowledgments

This is a book for Connecticut students and lawyers; it is intended for law students, paralegals, and practitioners who need to research Connecticut resources, and anyone else seeking an understanding of Connecticut legal authorities.

In creating this text, we aimed to develop a practical resource to explain sources of Connecticut law and the process of researching legal issues in Connecticut, supplemented with information regarding legal research in the federal system. We included tables to illustrate search strategies and complicated conceptual issues in order to help the reader visualize and better understand the material. We also included a chapter on legal writing to demonstrate the intersection between the process of research and writing. Finally, throughout our explanations of research strategies, we emphasized cost-effective research approaches so that a researcher can conserve time and client resources.

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Finally, writing this text in 2021, during the COVID pandemic and associated remote teaching and learning, we carefully considered how legal practice and legal research will evolve in the near future. We strove to create a text that would work equally well for in-person research and remote research, and we hope that this edition will therefore stand the test of time.

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