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To my parents, Ann and Tom Dyckman. Thank you for inspiring me to be my very best.

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Preface

Administrative Law covers the authority and functioning of administrative agencies. It answers the following questions: Why do agencies exist? What laws regulate agency actions? How are agency personnel appointed to and removed from their positions? What actions can agencies take? What are the different types of agencies, and what are the differences among them? How does Congress delegate power to agencies? What procedures must agencies follow when they issue rules, adjudicate cases, gather information, and inspect regulated entities? What constitutional rights do those who are being regulated have? What is the appropriate relationship among courts, Congress, and agencies? When and how can entities challenge agency action? What standard of review do courts use to evaluate agency actions?

The purpose of this book is to test your understanding of administrative law concepts and to assist you in preparing for a multiple choice or short-answer administrative law exam. The latest edition includes new questions and updates based on recent cases and legislation. It also includes a brief explanation of how to approach multiple choice questions. Because this book is a test taking aid, it is not intended to provide a comprehensive explanation of administrative law concepts. However, each question is thoroughly answered with case and statutory citations when appropriate. Be aware that all of the questions are hypothetical only.

This book divides the major administrative law topics into eleven categories. It begins with introductory questions, then moves to questions about agency structure and organization, adjudication and rulemaking procedures, non-legislative rulemaking procedures, retroactivity, the availability of and standard for judicial review, the government's and public's access to information, and ends with questions about the availability of attorney's fees. Following these topics is a comprehensive Practice Final Exam. The Practice Final Exam has been completely rewritten to include questions I used on my last Administrative Law final, so you can see what an actual Administrative Law exam looks like.

As you use this book, remember that professors write questions differently. Some use fact-based patterns, some use informational questions, most use both. I have included examples of each to help prepare you for whichever type of question your professor uses. I hope you find the book useful in your studies. Please let me know if there is anything I can change in the next edition to make this text even more helpful in your studies.

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