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Preface

This workbook is based on fictional residents of Harmville, a fictional town. These residents provide the scenarios for hypothetical exercises that are integral to effectively build and hone writing and practical legal skills pertinent to tort law. Users will become familiar with these residents and their unique challenges. In the exercises, users will be required to perform real-life legal tasks for the residents. This workbook includes relevant statute(s), general case law, and internet links for the user who needs to act on or resolve tort law issues. Each chapter also includes a checklist, though not exhaustive, of key interview questions to ask a client. Additionally, at the end of each chapter, the user is provided with a self-assessment tool, which can be used to evaluate the user's performance of these tasks.

This workbook may be used in a number of ways. The professor may assign chapters and exercises to be completed outside of class and direct students to use the checklist provided in each chapter as a self-assessment tool. Alternatively, the professor may assign a chapter to be completed outside of class, collect the assignments, and assign a grade to the work product. This workbook may also be used during class as a guide for in-class discussion and, depending on the class size, for in-class group presentations, or role play. This will allow for both individual and group assessments, which support the learning process and enhance skill-building. This workbook may also be used by individuals who plan to take the Bar exam and wish to use it as a study guide. This workbook is also designed to be used as a tool to assist new attorneys, who plan to practice Tort Law and Personal Injury Law. It is also an excellent resource for paralegals.

With this workbook, we attempt to simultaneously fill the theory versus praxis gap in several arenas, namely in law schools, among first-year students, new attorneys, paralegals, and anyone else interested in tort law. We hope that you will enjoy meeting the residents of Harmville, participating in the exercises, and utilizing this workbook in the manner that suits you best. We especially hope that this workbook helps equip first-year law students, students preparing for the Bar, and new attorneys with the skills, confidence, and experience needed to serve the community with the highest level of professionalism.

This book is designed to provide practical information on torts only. While this book's applicable reach is broad, it also refers to legal resources and a Teacher's Manual for the following states: Florida, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. This information is provided and sold with the knowledge that the publisher and authors do not offer any legal or other professional advice. If the need arises for such

expertise, consult with the appropriate professional. This book does not contain all of the information available on the subject. This book has not been created to be specific to any individual's or organization's situation or needs. Every effort has been made to make this book as accurate as possible. Therefore, this book should serve only as a general guide and not as the ultimate source on this subject. The authors and publisher shall have no liability or responsibility to any person or entity regarding any loss or damage incurred, or alleged to have been incurred, directly or indirectly, by the information contained in this book.

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