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# PREFACE

This book is a teaching resource designed for law teachers young and old, veteran and new, adventurous and risk averse. Included is an amalgam of information, stories, and ideas about teaching the core courses of the law school curriculum. The goal of this book is to provoke, augment, offer, or initiate a richer and more informative teaching and learning experience. Each chapter includes approaches to the course, materials used, exercises, briefs, evaluation, and feedback.

The contents incorporate contributions from 170 law teachers in the United States and Canada who offer pre-tested, successful, pragmatic ideas. We hope that the ideas appeal to many law teachers and are presented clearly and concisely so that they can be quickly and easily implemented. As we stated in our Preface to our earlier work, *Techniques for Teaching Law*, “we believe that better teaching and learning can have a ripple effect—more effective legal education will motivate our students to become better learners and, eventually, to better serve their clients.”

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