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FOREWORD

The District of Columbia Practice Manual, 29th Edition, is a basic guide to the major areas of law and practice in the District of Columbia.

Written by members of the District of Columbia Bar under the guidance of the D.C. Bar Communities Office and Marketing and Communications Department, this publication is intended as a starting point for research, leading the reader to other sources of information and law by providing citations to key statutes, regulations, court rules, and cases; reproducing relevant forms; listing telephone numbers, websites, and email addresses; and providing an overview of law and practice in each area of law. (For updated chapters, links were current as of press date.)

The contributors to this manual have included not only the most recent legal and procedural developments, but also insights gained from their experience as practitioners. The result is a how-to manual to help lawyers practicing in the District of Columbia confront and solve problems they encounter in their everyday practice.

To give users the most up-to-date information, the D.C. Bar and its Communities plan to update this manual on a bi-annual basis.

We appreciate the time and effort provided by the authors and reviewers who are listed as contributors to this title, and we sincerely hope readers will find this manual a valuable resource in their daily practice.

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