

## PREFACE

**Robert M. Wilcox** extensively revised Chapter 5 for this Third Edition. In 2011, Robert Wilcox became Dean of the University of South Carolina School of Law. From 1986 until 2011, he taught property law, trusts and estates, and professional responsibility at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Robert Wilcox is a former editor of the *Real Property, Trusts and Estates Journal* published by the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trusts and Estates Law and is a former Departments Editor of *Probate and Property* magazine. He also is a former Chair of the South Carolina Bar Ethics Advisory Committee and is the author of several books on legal ethics published by the South Carolina Bar. He received his A.B. from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of South Carolina. He practiced law with the firm of Dow, Lohnes & Albertson in Washington, D.C., and Atlanta from 1981 until 1986.

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**J. Lynn McKay** co-authored the revision of Chapter 10 of this addition with Stan McKay. Ms. McKay, formerly a paralegal at the law firm of Phillips Murrah, P.C., has worked in the law office environment for 17 years, specializing in the areas of probate, corporate, and real estate law. She earned her B.S. Degree at Texas Women's University, her paralegal certificate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1994, and her Certified Paralegal designation in 1997. Ms. McKay is an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma College Of Law's ABA-approved Legal Assistant Program. Ms. McKay is a member of the National Association of Legal Assistants, the Oklahoma Paralegal Association, and formerly an associate member of the

American Bar Association. She is on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Paralegal Association, served 13 years on the Board of Directors of the Central Oklahoma Association of Legal Assistants, and served for ten years on the Oklahoma Bar Association's Paralegal Committee. Ms. McKay also co-authored Chapter 4, Voluntary Conveyancing, in Vernon's Oklahoma Forms 2d, Real Estate, V5A (West Group).

**Kimberly A. Wurtz** contributed chapter 16 Mineral Title Examination in 2020. In prior years, Ms. Wurtz updated citations for Chapter 10 and contributed a paragraph in Section 538. Ms. Wurtz worked as Professor Palomar's Research Assistant in 2017 and 2018 while she was a J.D. Candidate at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Before beginning law school, Ms. Wurtz worked for 10 years in the oil and gas industry as a landman. Upon graduation from law school in 2018, she joined the law firm of Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC in Norman, OK focusing her practice on real property matters, title examination, and water law. Currently she continues that practice with Dennis & Wurtz, PLLC in Norman, OK. In 2019, Ms. Wurtz was appointed to the Oklahoma delegation for the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. She also teaches Mineral Title Examination at Texas A. M University School of Law.