

## PREFACE

Since its publication in 1993, Washington Tort Law and Practice has aimed at blending a scholarly perspective with the practical judgment of real-world lawyers. Both of the authors have experience both as teachers of the law as well as practitioners. We know that even with its expanded coverage these volumes cannot substitute for an in-depth analysis of any single issue; but we hope to provide a convenient and reliable starting point for research on a wide variety of tort issues. We have also striven to provide an organizational framework to unify the often fragmented worlds of tort law.

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