

## Introduction to the 2025–2026 Edition

This book answers questions that regularly confront lawyers and judges during the pretrial phase of cases. Although no single method can be used during the pretrial of a civil case, this book offers several strategies and approaches for addressing commonly faced problems. By the use of practice tips, examples, checklists, and forms, this book will provide trial lawyers with the basis for greater success in their cases.

This Practice Guide is written as a reference for attorneys who take civil cases. The structure of the book is set up to help attorneys find fast, reliable answers and practical guidance. Some of the features that enhance the practicality of the book include:

- Outline format, with dashes indicating the levels of the hierarchical organization.
- Case names, statutes and rules in italic to help them stand out from the text.
- Bold section headings for easy reference.
- Forms and checklists as a guideline for procedures and in drafting documents.