

# INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026 EDITION

These three volumes are updated in 2026 to incorporate numerous changes in the law and to include several new forms. The new materials include:

- Several recent cases applying the law to specific causes of action and defenses.
- New forms are supplied dealing with business torts, contract actions, insurance, dram shop litigation, employment cases, false imprisonment, fraud cases, fiduciary duty, legal and medical malpractice actions, libel and slander cases, negligence cases in several contexts, nuisance, premises liability, real property, and myriad other causes of action and covered in the pleadings in these volumes. There are many examples of pleadings from complex cases involving multiple causes of action, claims, counterclaims, and third-party claims as well as defenses. These forms either illustrate newer methods of pleading these claims or provide additional examples as alternatives to those in prior editions.
- Verdict forms, proposed jury instructions, and jury instructions used by Minnesota trial judges in numerous trials.
- Dozens of significant jury verdicts and settlements are either included or summarized throughout the book. Many of these verdict and settlement reports include citations to earlier pleadings used in the case, including complaints, answers, jury instructions, and verdict forms.