

## PREFACE TO THE 2025 EDITION

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As with previous editions, my objective was to prepare a concise yet complete reference book on the subject of appellate practice. I hope that the material presented here will enable lawyers, judges, and staff attorneys to find answers to questions on appellate practice, that it will serve as a good starting point for the analysis of new issues, and that it will be useful in legal education as well.

The book is divided into three parts: the first includes five chapters on subjects relating to appellate jurisdiction; the second contains seventeen chapters on the appellate process; and the third contains eight chapters each addressing a specific type of appellate proceeding. The material within each part of the book has been organized in a way that is intended to simplify and expedite legal research. The first paragraph of each section provides a summary of the most important points about that section. As the information is developed within the section, it becomes progressively more detailed. All of the footnotes have bold faced subject matter headings so that they can be identified rapidly. I have followed this approach consistently, in the hope that it will enable those who use the book to obtain the correct answer as quickly as possible. A lawyer who has a general idea where to look may be able to find a case on point merely by scanning the footnote headings.

This edition also includes the customary coverage of new court decisions on the subject of appellate practice. More than 200 new cases have been addressed in the text or in the notes. The Florida Supreme Court revised Rule 9.400(b) on Appellate Attorney Fees and made language changes in other rules. These changes are shown here, as well.

I wish to thank Ellen Gwynn, as I do every year, for her invaluable assistance with the research and writing. She offered many helpful suggestions and her contributions have greatly improved the quality of the book.

A reference work such as this is never really finished. As always, I welcome suggestions for the material to be included in the next edition.

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