

PREFACE

This fourth edition of the *MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION* stands on the shoulders of the three previous editions and in the debt of the following: Judge William W Schwarzer, director of the Federal Judicial Center from 1990 to 1995, and primarily responsible for the third edition (1995); Judge Sam C. Pointer, who chaired the Board of Editors for the second edition (1985); Judge Alfred P. Murrah, the Center director who was the driving force behind the inaugural edition; Judge Thomas J. Clary, the chair of the initial Board of Editors; and the members of that Board.

The fourth edition of the *MANUAL* is adapted to new conditions and demands of federal litigation and reflects the work, experience, and insight of its Board of Editors. The Chief Justice, as chairman of the Board of the Federal Judicial Center, appointed the Board of Editors in 1999. He asked Judge Stanley Marcus, then a member of the Center's Board, to chair the Board of Editors. Judge Marcus has continued to oversee the *MANUAL*'s completion even though his term as a Center Board member ended in 2002. His insight and experience as a federal district judge and now as a member of the court of appeals are reflected on every page of the *MANUAL*. So, too, does this edition reflect the many hours dedicated to the project by individual members of the Board of Editors. A complete list of individuals who worked on the *MANUAL* can be found at Acknowledgments, page xxi.

This *MANUAL* is one of the flagship services of the Federal Judicial Center. It has been my pleasure, as director of the Center, to have worked with Judge Marcus and the Board of Editors, and with the staff of the Center and others, to bring this fourth edition into being.

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