

## **Highlights of the 2025 Updates**

The 2025 updates to The Legal Audit include the following:

- Evaluations of revised standards used by the federal Department of Justice (DOJ) for assessing the effectiveness of organizational law compliance programs and potentially serving as useful criteria for private legal audits of the same programs (§ 2:27 & Appendix 68);
- Analyses of the roles that generative AI tools can play in helping legal auditors with important tasks in legal audits including compliance risk assessments, information gathering, information analysis, and report drafting (§ 1:22);
- Assessments of the growing rewards provided to whistleblowers who report offenses committed by organizational employees and agents and the corresponding pressures on organizations to conduct thorough legal audits to be the first to detect and self-report internal misconduct (§ § 7:44 & 7:45);
- Discussions of enhanced compliance program metrics that can help managers in companies and other organizations to perceive the maturity of their compliance programs, locate probable weaknesses in those programs, and formulate improvements to strengthen the programs for future operations (§ 7:63); and
- Analyses of legal audit changes needed to reflect legal risks from growing restrictions on AI use and further legal risks created through the addition of AI tools and methods to earlier organizational activities (§ 1:22).