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Preface

In 2004, as a student of the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, I enrolled in an upper-year offering entitled Personal Property Security Law. That course, masterfully taught by Professor Roderick J. Wood, changed the direction of my path in law. The structure and cohesion of the *Personal Property Security Act* (PPSA) contrasted sharply with the judge-made doctrine I had grown accustomed to in the first-year private law courses, namely contracts, property and torts. Coming from a background in mathematics, I found comfort in the clarity, certainty and sound conceptual framework provided by this modern commercial statute. Like doing arithmetic, applying the PPSA's provisions was intellectually pleasing. It required discipline and technical mastery, but the statute furnished a direct analytical path to a predictable legal outcome in almost every instance. I became captivated by the PPSA and have since made it a major focus of my private and academic practice.

I became a faculty member of the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in 2014. It has been wonderful returning home to Saskatchewan to teach a new generation of lawyers and jurists at the province's only law school, a venerated institution with over a century of history and tradition. During my time at the College, I have had the privilege of working alongside my mentor and friend, Professor Ronald C.C. Cuming. Upon my arrival, he graciously allowed me to take over his course on Personal Property Security Law, even sharing his detailed course materials. Over his decorated academic career, spanning well over fifty years, Professor Cuming has taught successive generations of prominent personal property security law jurists. His students include, among many others, Professor Tamara M. Buckwold (a member of my doctoral advisory committee), Justice Georgina R. Jackson, Justice Donald H. Layh (a long-time family friend and my former employer) and Professor Roderick J. Wood (my law professor and doctoral supervisor). Indeed, I have had the good fortune of learning both directly and indirectly from multiple generations of leading secured finance experts.

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