FOREWORD TO THE NINETEENTH EDITION

The past year has seen a number of legislative and judicial developments with respect to drunk driving law.

The Second and Third Editions would not have been possible without the assistance of former Talbot County Assistant Public Defender, Shannon McClellan, who very generously donated her spare time to edit the entire book. She meticulously scrutinized each and every line of the text and made numerous edits that vastly improved the quality of the material presented. I am deeply indebted to her.

Edits and updates for the Fourth Edition were reviewed by Emily Bardales, an intern from American University's Washington College of Law, and my former associate, Johanna Leshner. That edition would not have been the quality product it is without their efforts.

The Fifth Edition contained new material on drug recognition experts, uncertainty in scientific measurements, source code litigation, and requirements of state wiretapping laws as they relate to videotaping DUI suspects, as well as many other additions. Updates were reviewed by Johanna Leshner. Additionally, she helped write some of the new text that was added to that edition. She contributed immensely to the quality of that book.

The Sixth Edition continued to incorporate relevant case-law, statutory, and regulatory developments in the field of impaired driving prosecution and defense. This revision included new material on the need for police to obtain a warrant before obtaining blood from a drunk driving suspect in § 7:37.

The Seventh Edition followed current developments in DUI law, including new cases on the right to counsel and the need for police to obtain a warrant before obtaining a blood test for prosecution purposes.

The Eighth Edition continued to report new developments in the law. It added new sections on assault, restitution, expungement, and extensive updates on the Confrontation Clause and warrantless breath and blood tests.

The Ninth Edition contained updates to the sections on assault and immigration law, reflected the legislative efforts to increase penalties for drunk driving in Noah's Law, and follows the evolution of the warrant requirement with respect to breath and blood tests.

As with previous editions, the Tenth through Eighteenth Editions kept up with new cases, statutes, regulations and forms. With the Thirteenth through Seventeenth editions, we were pleased to announce the addition of Michael Stamm as co-author and co-editor. In the Fifteenth Edition, we were pleased to have been assisted by Caroline Salim, an intern from The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

In 2026, Leonard R. Stamm joined Scrofano Law PC as "Of Counsel." With the Nineteenth Edition we are pleased to announce the addition of Paolo A. Gnocchi as co-author.

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