Editor's Introduction to Public Accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2026-2027 Edition

This manual presents the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in easy-to-understand language and is a useful resource for ensuring compliance or handling litigation. In addition to a comprehensive review of ADA standards and litigation issues, it provides practical guidance in applying Title III of the law (public accommodations). Key topics covered include ADA requirements, entities covered by and exempted from Title III, constitutional challenges to Title III, barrier removal, new construction and alterations, auxiliary aids, federal certification, tax considerations, and enforcement.

Highlights of the 2026-2027 edition include:

- Discussion of a Southern District of New York decision on the question of first impression of whether an accessible route satisfied the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design's requirement that accessible routes must "coincide with or be located in the same area as general circulation paths."
- Discussion of how Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act applies to QR codes:
  - Update regarding a new federal decision on whether Title III requires a retailer to print QR codes on product tags and labels.
  - Discussion of whether Title III requires public accommodations that use QR codes to provide auxiliary aids or services to make the QR codes accessible, and whether QR codes can themselves constitute auxiliary aids or services.
- Update on the Department of Justice's extension of the deadlines to comply with the ADA Title II website and mobile app accessibility regulations.
- Discussion of a new Missouri statute creating a mechanism for defendants to challenge abusive website accessibility litigation.