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About This Title

The topic of trade secrets is an area of law growing in importance to legal and business professionals. Perhaps one of the lesser understood areas of intellectual property, trade secrets can't be found in any publicly available database. They aren't registered like a copyright or trademark, or given a number like patents. They do not even have a date after which they can be used by the public. A trade secret remains just that—a secret—until it is published, leaked, or sold.

Due to this multidimensionality, this seemingly simple area can become complex to research. This guide seeks to aid professionals in discovering the relevant case decisions, laws, articles, and online materials necessary to understand the history and future of trade secrets law. This book also explores the unconventional topics of fact research, social media platforms, and evaluation of premium and open source tools.

This new edition is the only book on trade secret research tools and strategies, going beyond an annotated bibliography to cover all expanded applicable research resources. Bringing together trade secret law, practice, and law school research and instruction, this innovative and entrepreneurial book is the first of its kind in the legal field.

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