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Preface

Aviation Law is a broad topic, and aviation is a highly regulated field. This book is intended to give law students a comprehensive foundation in the many legal issues relating to the operation of both private and commercial aircraft, and the airports that they use. Chapters in this book will address administrative law, tort law, government liability, international treaties, airports as nuisances, aviation insurance, terrorism, and both commercial and private pilots and aircraft. The intent is to prepare law students to be general practitioners, familiar with the issues involved, not experts in the operation of aircraft. Several fine treatises exist that give a more comprehensive treatment of aerodynamics and the science of flight.

This casebook is intended to be used in an upper-level course in law schools. Knowledge of basic legal concepts, such as civil procedure, negligence, jurisdiction, and remedies, is presumed. There is a detailed Teacher's Manual available.

Cases have been reprinted as exact quotations of the court's decisions, without quotation marks. Where language has been omitted, ellipses have been inserted. Where a full paragraph or more has been omitted, an ellipsis on a separate line has been added. Most footnotes have been deleted, except where the author has determined that the footnote information would be helpful to the reader. Nearly all citations have been omitted. Omitted footnotes and citations are not indicated with an ellipsis. Internal quotation marks have also been omitted. Minor typographical errors in reported cases have been corrected.

A glossary of aviation terms is included at the end of this book.

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