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To Marti, Christine, and Greg

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## Preface

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The authors are pleased to offer *New York Legal Research Guide 3d*, the latest edition of the comprehensive legal research guide for New York State, New York City and Indian law (in New York). When the first edition appeared in 1988, it contained cursory coverage of the rich legal history of New York City and only brief mention of the City's current primary and secondary legal research sources. That edition also made no mention of the intricate pattern of treaty, state and native law that governs relations between Indians (whose past or present lands are within the boundaries of New York State) and the United States, New York State and its municipalities. The omission of these important topics was remedied in the enlarged and completely revised second edition.

Every effort has been made in the third edition to indicate both traditional and electronic sources of information, although constant change in Internet addresses and in electronic publishing inevitably results in rapid obsolescence of much of that information. Throughout the book, the authors suggest sources which researchers can use to update the text.

The authors assume that the reader is familiar with basic legal bibliography and research techniques. For readers without this background, study of the well-known general guides to legal research will be helpful. Among these guides are: *The Process of Legal Research* (5th ed. 2000) by Christina L. Kunz, Deborah A. Schmedemann, Matthew P. Downs, and Ann L. Bateson; *Finding the Law* (11th ed. 1999) by Robert C. Berring; *Fundamentals of Legal Research* (7th ed., 1998) by J. Myron Jacobstein, Roy M. Mersky, and Donald J. Dunn; *Legal Research in a Nutshell* (8th ed., 2003) by Morris L. Cohen and Kent C. Olson; and *How To Find the Law* (9th ed., 1989) by Morris L. Cohen, Robert C. Berring, and Kent C. Olsen.

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