Preface to the Seventh Edition

Lea Brilmayer, Jack Goldsmith, and Erin O’Hara O’Connor join forces in welcoming you to the seventh edition of this casebook begun by the late Professor James Martin in 1978. The changes from the sixth edition are mostly not structural, but involve simply updating the cases and notes to reflect recent developments in the field. Probably the chapter that required the greatest amount of updating was the one on personal jurisdiction, where the Supreme Court decided a series of important new cases that contributed greatly to the clarity of the subject (although not to everyone’s substantive taste!). The central chapters on choice of law, state and constitutional, have hardly changed; some new cases are included but these are meant simply as better examples of points that had been made previously in other ways. Finally, the chapter on conflict of laws in the federal system, which had been omitted in the sixth edition, was reintroduced by popular demand. We hope that the book continues to meet the needs of teachers in the field and to attract curious students.

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