Preface to the Fifth Edition

The tension between comprehensive coverage and concise presentation continues. I have pared down the space allotted to existing cases and removed some cases that have been eclipsed by events in order to make room for new material. I hope that this surgery has been successful. I have tried to allow the justices to speak for themselves, but I have attempted to limit their occasional tendency to engage in polemics. The structure of the book remains largely unchanged.

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