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# Preface

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This text is designed to assist legal professionals in understanding and effectuating real estate and personal property transactions. The term “legal professional” includes legal assistants, attorneys, law clerks, legal secretaries, and all other persons whose day-to-day activities involve real estate and law. The principles, forms, and tasks discussed in the text are applicable to anyone in the legal profession who deals with these matters. In any given transaction, the totality of the work may be accomplished by a lawyer or a paralegal or legal secretary working under the lawyer’s supervision. However, in almost no other area of law is the non-lawyer legal professional called upon to perform such independent work.

*Basic Real Estate and Property Law for Paralegals* provides an analysis of the basic legal principles involved in real and personal property law, as well as practical guidance in creating, organizing, and completing real estate transactions. This text provides a complete and comprehensive guide to all aspects of property law — real estate, landlord-tenant, land use, and personal property. These topics form the mainstay of almost every general practice law office in the country, and understanding them is a fundamental skill required of all legal professionals.

In addition, this edition of *Basic Real Estate and Property Law for Paralegals* discusses the legal implications of the Covid restrictions on property law imposed by the federal and state governments.

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