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## PREFACE TO THE ELEVENTH EDITION

This book first appeared in 1981 and now enters its fifth decade of publication. The manuscript has changed considerably over the years, and its name has now changed from *Property* to *Dukeminier & Krier's Property*, reflecting the timeless and field-defining work of the book's original authors. Jesse Dukeminier and James Krier's commitment to a pluralistic approach to property law also endures, grounded in the intricacies of black letter law yet attentive to insights from history, economics, psychology, sociology, and critical approaches. As the Preface to the First Edition, which is reprinted in part on the following page, makes clear, the law student's toolkit should include a good grasp of the interdisciplinary ideas that explain the development of property law. Understanding the connections and differences among the law of real property, personal property, and intellectual property also becomes increasingly essential with each passing year. So does an appreciation for the ways in which property law interacts with and affects societal challenges such as discrimination on the basis of race, class, sex, religion, and disability, climate change, economic stagnation and inequality, and the rise of artificial intelligence. The eleventh edition highlights those relationships and developments throughout this text.

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