

## ***Foreword***

It is important for libraries to continue to develop collections that support a variety of interests for today's users as well as for future users. For nearly four decades, *Recommended Publications for Legal Research* has been providing guidance to law librarians to assist them with that duty. While this edition marks the thirty-eighth year of publication, the origins of this title began nearly 90 years ago.

In 1928, Helen S. Moylan first created the *List of Recommended Treatises*, revising it in 1938. Bernita J. Davis produced supplements for the work in 1942 and in 1949. From 1967 to 1976, as part of the *AALS Libraries Studies Project*, Miles Price and Harry Bitner published *Law Books Recommended for Libraries*, covering titles through 1970. Price and Bitner developed the subject category framework that is still used today. In 1979 Oscar J. Miller and Mortimer Schwartz started *Recommended Publications for Legal Research*, succeeding the Price and Bitner work, beginning with the 1970 volume. Miller and Schwartz continued publishing annual editions for more than two decades. In 2001, Mary F. Miller assumed the responsibilities for the publication and continued in that role until 2016.

Over the years since this publication began, there have been significant changes to law libraries. Reductions in financial, human, and physical resources, and curriculum changes, have had a major impact on libraries and on collection development. Even as resources have become more limited, the need for libraries to continue to support curriculum and research needs and to develop their collections remains as important today as ever. It is hoped that this publication will continue to be a useful tool to assist in that endeavor.

The format of this publication remains the same as prior editions. The recommended titles were selected from publications announced in 2017. Titles are organized into 47 subject areas, then listed by main entry. Two indexes, subject and main entry, are included as well.

The ranking of titles utilizing the letters "A", "B" and "C" continues as well.

- A. Titles of a basic level that are recommended for most libraries
- B. Titles of a more intermediate level recommended that are for many libraries
- C. Titles of a more scholarly nature that are recommended for academic, specialized or research collections

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