PREFACE: NEW BEGINNINGS

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As we publish this 2018 cumulative supplement to the Fourth Edition of the Patent Litigation Strategies Handbook, we continue a tradition of getting the best attorneys to analyze and share the changes and newest strategies in patent litigation in the United States. We also take this opportunity to thank the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL), which originally created and continues to support this treatise. We and the authors of the various chapters are proud to be members of that organization.

After looking over the three volumes of Yale Professor William Robinson’s 1890 treatise on patents, a federal judge commented that little has changed since then. But that is a view from the mountaintops. The landscape in the valleys of patent litigation continue to get bulldozed, excavated, renovated, and, in some cases, subtly refined. This past year is no exception. Whether it is a revelation of how courts are handling venue in a post TC Heartland world of the PTAB working through arbitration and the vicissitudes of the tsunami of cases it is handling, the landscape continues to evolve. This supplement provides thoughts and analyses from some the most experienced leaders of the patent litigation bar and bench on these and many other current topics.

We are inspired by the enthusiasm and commitment of our ABA-IPL contributing authors to harness these changes into practical wisdom and particularly, the time they invest to share it. For them, as for us, this book is a labor of love. We are mindful that this latest supplement continues to build on a strong foundation—the legacy of many authors and editors who came before us over the many years and to whom we owe a debt of
gratitude. And, of course, we thank you, our readers, who make this labor of love worthwhile. This book would not exist without you. We hope that you find it useful in your practice and truly welcome any suggestions for improvement. Happy reading.

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