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This highly anticipated edition updates and adds further information to six previous editions of Legal Problems of Religious and Private Schools, by ELA Past President Ralph Mawdsley, first published in 1983 and, most recently, in 2012.

Under the editorial leadership of Charles J. Russo (lead editor) and Steve Permuth (editor), the new edition will feature changes beyond a slightly altered title. New chapters added to the traditional core of the text include the history of religious and private schools, state aid, and school finance. Emerging issues and very recent Supreme Court decisions are discussed.

Private schools furnished the earliest education in the United States and remain a choice for quality education today. However, the amount of litigation continues to increase for nonpublic organizations. Problems that have become commonplace in public schools, such as safety/security and bullying, are becoming challenging issues for nonpublic schools as well. Background checks for employees, and better supervision of student and staff conduct, are expected today. Administrators of faith-based schools may have special concerns about balancing religious beliefs with local, state, and federal laws.

Leaders and advisors of religious, private, or other nonpublic schools will find this book helpful in taking preventive measures to keep their schools out of court.

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