Preface and Acknowledgments

It is hard to believe that nearly four years have passed since the Pennsylvania Bar Institute first approached us to write a book specifically focused on legal issues arising in the construction arena for those who provide legal advice and counsel to members of that industry community. The result was actually a two-volume set, with the first volume being published in September of 2010. The second volume followed shortly thereafter. The two-volume set was possible due to the efforts and contributions from accomplished lawyers analyzing statutes and case law covering a wide range of issues that can and do arise in the context of a construction project. Almost immediately, the impact of this effort was felt, as key and relevant resources were now available to those needing information and guidance on navigating a number of different construction law topics.

Just as *Rust Never Sleeps*, quoting from the title of a late-1970s album (that is vinyl for those of you non-audiophiles), construction law never sleeps, and has continued to evolve rapidly on many of the topics addressed in the first volume, *Pennsylvania Construction Law: Getting Started, Getting Covered, Getting Paid.* Addressing the many changes necessitated reconnecting with many of our first edition authors, along with some new author/material contributors, to review these statutory and case law developments and to weave the new information into the existing chapters in a way to allow all users, new and old, easy access to the latest statutes and cases impacting their construction law issues and decisions.

Again, this newest publication could not have happened without the interest, experience, dedication, and diligence of not only all the authors, but also the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, including Pam Smith, Dominic Degeneffe, Wendy McGovern, and a host of other PBI staff. Despite the strongest of foundations of the first editions in this *Pennsylvania Construction Law* series, it took the significant effort of the authors and PBI to bring this second edition of Volume I to the desktops (both electronic and traditional) of legal practitioners in need of information on construction matters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We hope you embrace this edition as positively as you did the original publication.

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