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Preface to 2015 Supplement

This Supplement to the 2013 Fourth Edition of the Family Law Handbook and 2014 Fifth Edition of the Family Law Handbook contains only two (2) substantive additions. Jim Manning has kindly contributed a new article entitled, "Taxation of Spousal and Child Support," and Judge Comstock has updated his article on relocation law in Idaho.

Under the leadership of Mary Shea Huneycutt and Carole Wesenberg and the hard work of Diana Meyers and Christopher Hughes, students in the Paralegal Studies Program at Idaho State University, this edition of the Handbook was improved in a number of different ways. Formatting and citations for all articles were standardized. Citations were checked, and all hyperlinks were updated. The Handbook Table of Contents was updated, and the Formbook and Table of Contents were updated, and both Tables of Contents are electronically hyperlinked to the content of both books. We would give a hearty thanks to Mary, Carole, Diana, and Christopher for their fine work.

Family law practitioners are also aware that beginning July 2014, the Idaho Rules of Family Law Procedure were adopted by some judicial districts and became effective for all judicial districts in July 2015. These new rules often simply incorporated the language from various rules found in the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure but also made some significant changes. For example, Rule 101 describes those cases to which the new rules apply and those to which it does not. Rule 102 introduces the option of "opting in" to the Idaho Rules of Evidence. Rule 119 contains new rules regarding the participation of children in family law proceedings. Rule 504 articulates the rules for motions for temporary orders. Rule 719 provides very specific rules for parenting time evaluations. And Rule 803 encourages a tightening of the language of a final decree or judgment. Virtually all of the articles in this edition were written prior to these new family law procedural rules. To the extent that the cases discussed by our authors involve procedural concerns, the practitioner should be sensitive to the effect that the new rules may have on that discussion.

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