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PREFACE

The scope of this work is the procedure and practice of civil litigation in Virginia state courts. Occasionally, there will be an excursus into relevant Virginia legal history in order to give the background to the present state of the law. This book proceeds generally from pretrial litigation devices to jurisdiction and parties, pleading, discovery, motions at trial, appeals and enforcement of final judgments. It does not include the law of evidence, probate proceedings, criminal procedure, administrative practice, or federal law.

The strategy of the footnotes is to refer to the relevant statutes and rules of court and sample reports of appellate cases. I have included general references to the various relevant sections of Michie’s Jurisprudence of Virginia and West Virginia, which is cited as M.J., so that, from them, the reader can easily find references to all of the other appellate court opinions going all the way back to the eighteenth century. Since the various Virginia legal reference books have not yet included citations to the Virginia Circuit Court Opinions, they have been included here somewhat fully. References to the older treatises on Virginia civil procedure are given on order to assist research on points of historical development.

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