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PREFACE

This is the fifth edition of *Trial of Capital Murder Cases in Virginia*. Although much has changed since its initial publication in 1991, the book continues to build upon the pioneering work of Professors William S. Geimer and Roger D. Groot, authors of the first edition. Everyone involved in capital litigation in Virginia has benefited from the research and insights offered by Professors Geimer and Groot.

This book was initiated by the Board of Governors of the Criminal Law Section of the Virginia State Bar in 1988. It traces a type of proceeding that in many respects differs markedly from other trials to which counsel and judges in Virginia are accustomed. The book is intended as a legal reference providing guidance for attorneys and a source of information for judges.

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