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ABA Releases "The Practitioner's Guide to Suspension and Debarment," Edited by Crowell & Moring Attorney

Richard "Dick" Bednar Serves as Editor-in-Chief and Principal Author of New Edition

The American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Public Contract Law's Committee on Debarment and Suspension releases the third edition of *The Practitioner's Guide to Suspension and Debarment*, which discusses in depth the expanding decisional law and regulations governing suspension, debarment and exclusion of business and individuals from government contracts and participation in benefit programs. The book contains a historical overview and emerging trends in the law, plus practical techniques to avoid or challenge these actions when imposed. Also included is an up-to-date list of agency debarment officials. This new edition expands the treatment of the collateral consequences, both in Federal and state programs, and the new rule on non-procurement (benefits) suspension and debarment.

Richard "Dick" J. Bednar, Senior Counsel to the Washington, D.C. office of Crowell & Moring LLP, specializes in the government contract law areas of contract claims, internal investigations, ethics and compliance issues, and suspension and debarment. Dick, serving as Editor-in-Chief and principal author, worked with six principal authors on the Guide, including John T. Boese of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson; Thomas B. Carr of Baker Botts LLP; Craig S. King of Arent Fox Kinter Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC; James M. McHale of the US Securities and Exchange Commission; Steven Shaw of the Department of the Air Force; and Donald Suda from the General Services Administration.

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