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Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Court is a remarkable work providing as much as one could imagine in aid of a federal court practice in business and commercial litigation. It presents the practitioner with step-by-step legal analysis and strategy, from investigation through trial, appeal and enforcement of judgment. There are thousands of citations to current cases, statutes and rules. There are 36 substantive law chapters on subjects most often encountered by commercial litigators. There are more than 500 pages of forms and jury charges in print and

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Editor-in-Chief Robert L. Haig is a partner at Kelley, Drye & Warren in New York City and handles commercial, products liability and other civil litigation. He recruited the 199 principal authors, including 17 distinguished federal judges, who wrote about their areas of expertise. The authors include a number of Houston and Texas attorneys, including Blake Tartt of Beirne, Maynard & Parsons; Honorable Barbara Lynn; James Coleman Jr. and David Coale of Carrington, Coleman; Honorable David Hitner; Eric Nichols of Beck, Redden & Secrest; Barrett McNeil and Noel Hensley of Haynes & Boone; John McElhaney and Vincent Hess of Locke, Liddell & Sapp; Steven Susman and Barry Barnett of Susman, Godfrey; Harry Reasoner, Allan Van Fleet and Edward Carr of Vinson & Elkins; and Daniel Steinway of Baker Botts.

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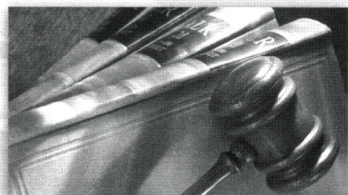
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