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Preface

This is a first-of-its-kind textbook that explores the fascinating legal issues that surround marijuana users, their suppliers, and the sundry third parties (physicians, employers, investors, etc.) who deal with them. It surveys the competing approaches jurisdictions have adopted toward regulating marijuana, the policies behind those approaches, and the power that various federal, state, and local government actors have to pursue each of them. Chapter 1 provides more details about the content and features of the book and how it can be used in the classroom or as a reference work. It also explains why marijuana law and policy is such a worthwhile area of study, even for people who never intend to work in this field.

Although marijuana can be a divisive subject, the book strives to take an evenhanded approach to all of the issues it covers. It fully explores the different sides to the controversies surrounding marijuana law and policy, not to persuade the reader that any one position is necessarily correct, but to foster lively discussion and hone the reader's ability to think more critically about issues in the field. Through this evenhanded approach, I hope the book will help improve our discourse and decision-making concerning marijuana policy, wherever that may lead us.

If you have any feedback on the book, or if you are interested in teaching about any aspect of marijuana law and policy, I would be happy to hear from you.

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