

LexisNexis Launches Practice Guide with Litigator-Author James Wagstaffe

LexisNexis Legal & Professional has announced the launch of **The Wagstaffe Group Practice Guide: Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial** in multiple formats, all of which are designed to guide attorneys through the intricacies of pre-trial civil litigation.

Written by James M. Wagstaffe, former co-author of The Rutter Group's Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial, this new guide is available exclusively from LexisNexis via Lexis Advance, as a three-volume print edition and as an eBook, both individually and as part of the LexisNexis Digital Library.

In a news release, the company said this multimedia guide also brings a first for the legal research industry—attorneys can now navigate the complexities of pre-trial civil procedure via a series of 150+ videos embedded directly within the content on Lexis Advance. These 2-5 minute videos are included throughout the guide and feature explanatory tips and practical insights from Wagstaffe that enhance and complement the surrounding text in each chapter.

The release continues:

“We are delighted to announce the launch of this cutting-edge practice guide in partnership with Jim and his team at the Wagstaffe Group,” said Sean Fitzpatrick, Managing Director of North American Research Solutions at LexisNexis. “With its release and the addition of embedded video content directly within the legal research tools our customers use most, we’re bringing practical guidance to life. Not only are we providing the smartest and most relevant content to the market, but we are doing so in a manner that addresses

the changing needs of our customers.”

In addition to the new explanatory videos, The Wagstaffe Group Practice Guide: Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial breaks down the complex world of pre-trial civil litigation by providing in-depth, expert analysis and authority; numerous examples illustrating both common and nuanced procedural issues; pertinent circuit-specific coverage; step-by-step checklists for successful federal pre-trial practice. Subscription to the practice guide will also include a current awareness feature with commentary and practical insights on new cases, amendments to laws and more.

“Federal Litigation can be complex, confusing and intimidating,” said Jim Wagstaffe. “In my roles as a lawyer, teacher and author, I have heard time and again from attorneys about the need for simple-to-digest, accessible content. I consider it an honor to partner with LexisNexis to bring this vision to life.”

Wagstaffe is a renowned expert on pre-trial federal civil procedure, as well as the partner and co-founder of California-based Kerr & Wagstaffe LLP. For the past 30 years, he has served as a law professor, prolific author and lecturer, including working with the Federal Judicial Center to teach all incoming federal judges and provide annual update seminars to all circuits across the country on the intricacies of federal jurisdiction and federal practice. Considered one of the country’s preeminent First Amendment and defamation lawyers, Wagstaffe heads up his firm’s successful Federal Practice Group and leads litigation across a diversity of matters. In 2014, Wagstaffe was appointed as member and Chair of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation Board by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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