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The Washington Information Directory is the essential one-stop source for information on U.S. governmental and nongovernmental agencies and organizations. This thoroughly researched guide provides capsule descriptions that help users quickly and easily find the right person at the right organization. The Washington Information Directory offers three easy ways to find information: by name, by organization, and through detailed subject indexes. The volume is topically organized, and within the taxonomic structure the relevant organizations are listed not only with contact information but with a brief paragraph describing what the organization (whether government or nongovernmental) does related to that topic. It is focused on Washington—an organization must have an office in Washington to be listed. It also includes dozens of resource boxes on particular topics and organization charts for federal agencies and NGOs. With more than 10,000 listings and coverage of the new presidential administration, the 2017–2018 Edition features contact information for the following:

- 115th Congress and federal agencies
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Policy groups, foundations, and institutions
- Governors and other state officials
- U.S. ambassadors and foreign diplomats
- Congressional caucuses

There is no consensus on how strongly the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) has stimulated U.S. private fixed investment. Some argue that the business tax provisions spurred investment by cutting the cost of capital. Others see the TCJA primarily as a windfall for shareholders. We find that U.S. business investment since 2017 has grown strongly compared to pre-TCJA forecasts and that the overriding factor driving it has been the strength of expected aggregate demand. Investment has, so far, fallen short of predictions based on the postwar relation with tax cuts. Model simulations and firm-level data suggest that much of this weaker response reflects a lower sensitivity of investment to tax policy changes in the current environment of greater corporate market power. Economic policy uncertainty in 2018 played a relatively small role in dampening investment growth.

On the 29th of June 2014 ISIS declared the establishment of a caliphate stretching across territories in Iraq and Syria. In response, Operation Inherent Resolve, a US-led 77 nation coalition, was launched to respond to the threat of Islamic State. The West's War Against Islamic State offers the first history of Operation Inherent Resolve and the West's war against ISIS, from its inception in 2014 to the fall of Raqqa in 2017. Andrew Mumford offers a comprehensive analysis and assessment of the military campaign deployed against ISIS in Syria and Iraq by examining the West's strategic objectives as well as the conflicting interests of rival powers, namely Russia, Iran and Turkey. By examining individual operational components of this military engagement such as drone usage, cyber warfare, special forces operations and sponsorship of guerrilla forces, this book offers a unique insight into the nature of modern warfare.

The Presidency and the Political System showcases the best of presidential studies and research with top-notch presidency scholars writing specifically for an undergraduate audience.

Michael Nelson rigorously edits each contribution to present a set of analytical yet accessible chapters and offers contextual headnotes introducing each essay. Chapters represent the full range of topics, institutions, and issues relevant to understanding the American presidency: covering approaches to studying the presidency, elements of presidential power, presidential selection, presidents and politics, and presidents and government. This Twelfth Edition fully incorporates coverage of the Trump administration.

Divided into four volumes, *Race and Ethnicity in America* provides a complete overview of the history of racial and ethnic relations in America, from pre-contact to the present. Contextualizes the political experiences and contributions of minorities within American politics, society, and culture Includes people of color (e.g., African Americans, Latinos, Asians, and American Indians), those of mixed races, and ethnic groups that experienced minority status in politics, particularly in the 19th century (e.g., Irish, Jewish, Italian) Features chronological organization as well as a historical overview and timeline for contextual understanding and ease of reference Comprises A–Z entries that detail the political, social, and cultural histories of racial and ethnic minority groups, and concludes with a curated selection of key primary source documents Provides cross-disciplinary information that explores the experiences of racial and ethnic minorities in America over a period of five hundred years through history and social studies, political science, and ethnic studies

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, commonly referred to as *Robert's Rules of Order*, RONR, or simply *Robert's Rules*, is the most widely used manual of parliamentary procedure in the United States. It governs the meetings of a diverse range of organizations-including church groups, county commissions, homeowners associations, nonprofit associations, professional societies, school boards, and trade unions-that have adopted it as their parliamentary authority. The manual was first published in 1876 by .US Army officer Henry Martyn Robert, who adapted the rules and practice of Congress to the needs of non-legislative societies. Ten subsequent editions have been published, including major revisions in 1915 and 1970. The copyright to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is owned by the *Robert's Rules Association*, which selects by contract an authorship team to continue the task of revising and updating the book. The 11th and current edition was published in 2011. In 2005, the *Robert's Rules Association* published an official concise guide, titled *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief*. A second edition of the brief book was published in 2011.

Contains public messages and statements of the President of the United States released by the White House from January 20 to June 30, 2009.

The Directory of Corporate Counsel, Fall 2020 Edition remains the only comprehensive source for information on the corporate law departments and practitioners of the companies of the United States and Canada. Profiling over 30,000 attorneys and more than 12,000 companies, it supplies complete, uniform listings compiled through a major research effort, including information on company organization, department structure and hierarchy, and the background and specialties of the attorneys. This newly revised two volume edition is easier to use than ever before and includes five quick-search indexes to simplify your search: Corporations and Organizations Index Geographic Index Attorney Index Law School Alumni Index Nonprofit Organizations Index Former 2016 -2017 Edition: ISBN 9781454871798 Former 2015 - 2016 Edition: ISBN 9781454856535 Former 2014 - 2015 Edition: ISBN 9781454843474 Former 2013 -2014 Edition: ISBN #9781454825913 Former 2012 -2013 Edition: ISBN #9781454809593 Former 2017-2018 Edition: ISBN #9781454884460 Former

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In 2011 the World Bank—with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation—launched the Global Findex database, the world's most comprehensive data set on how adults save, borrow, make payments, and manage risk. Drawing on survey data collected in collaboration with Gallup, Inc., the Global Findex database covers more than 140 economies around the world. The initial survey round was followed by a second one in 2014 and by a third in 2017. Compiled using nationally representative surveys of more than 150,000 adults age 15 and above in over 140 economies, *The Global Findex Database 2017: Measuring Financial Inclusion and the Fintech Revolution* includes updated indicators on access to and use of formal and informal financial services. It has additional data on the use of financial technology (or fintech), including the use of mobile phones and the Internet to conduct financial transactions. The data reveal opportunities to expand access to financial services among people who do not have an account—the unbanked—as well as to promote greater use of digital financial services among those who do have an account. The Global Findex database has become a mainstay of global efforts to promote financial inclusion. In addition to being widely cited by scholars and development practitioners, Global Findex data are used to track progress toward the World Bank goal of Universal Financial Access by 2020 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The database, the full text of the report, and the underlying country-level data for all figures—along with the questionnaire, the survey methodology, and other relevant materials—are available at www.worldbank.org/globalindex.

The Plum Book is published by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and House Committee on Oversight and Reform alternately after each Presidential election. The Plum Book is used to identify Presidential appointed and other positions within the Federal Government. The publication lists over 9,000 Federal civil service leadership and support positions in the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government that may be subject to noncompetitive appointment. The duties of many such positions may involve advocacy of Administration policies and programs and the incumbents usually have a close and confidential working relationship with the agency head or other key officials. The Plum Book was first published in 1952 during the Eisenhower administration. When President Eisenhower took office, the Republican Party requested a list of government positions that President Eisenhower could fill. The next edition of the Plum Book appeared in 1960 and has since been published every four years, just after the Presidential election. February issue includes Appendix entitled Directory of United States Government periodicals and subscription publications; September issue includes List of depository libraries; June and December issues include semiannual index. This collection of primary sources, illuminated by extensive contextual analysis, provides a

comprehensive and balanced survey of the evolution of global climate change policies and politics in the United States. • Offers more than 100 essential primary documents track the evolution of climate change politics in the United States from the mid-twentieth century to the present • Provides a chronological arrangement of chapters for easy understanding • Presents original overview essays and document-specific headnotes to contextualize each historical and political primary source • Covers scientific studies and reports to explain how they have shaped the trajectory of climate change policymaking in the United States

This edition of Parker's California Business & Professions Code is from our Parker's California Code Business Series and is a convenient desktop reference containing the California code and regulations you use most in your business practice. This single volume contains the complete primary law plus annotations and other features to help you find what you need quickly and expand your research.

Wildflowers and the Call to the Altar is a fascinating story of the history of the St. Francis Altar Society, embedded within the tri-cultural nexus of Santa Fe, New Mexico. For close to a hundred years, the society responded to the call that the church, established in 1610, required a formal Altar Society to care for the sanctuary needs, yet also to address the personal sanctification of the members. Since its inception, the society has served the altar of the church and extended its vision to "the altar of the world" through works of social justice, which are more urgent than ever, along with the care of the altar and the laundry. There is room for the holiness and fidelity of women to serve the church. Under the mantle of humility, and the commitment to mission, the women of the St. Francis Altar Society have persisted like the women at the foot of the cross. They have embraced the call to ministry and discipleship extended to all in the Gospels. Service to the altar extends into the world, where the reality of the love of Christ intersects with everyday life.

The New York Times Bestseller This is the full text, Volumes 1 and 2, of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. It is THE REPORT AND NOTHING BUT THE REPORT, in a beautifully typeset edition, with full searchability in ebook formats, presented exactly as released by the Attorney General of the United States, with no positioning—such as a celebrity introduction—that would give it a bias or impede its clarity. One of the most-talked-about investigations in American history, the subject of constant media discussion and speculation, non-stop and controversial attacks from the president, and the eager anticipation of a public wondering what the truth is, this long-awaited publication is an historic event. The Mueller Report continues Melville House's "tradition of publishing pivotal public documents."—The New York Times

From the Flapper Era to Batista, Cuba strove to position itself as America's Caribbean playground, but Castro's Revolution put an end to that. Now, the "Cuban Thaw" promises US travelers a return to the island. This book explores the history and development of tourism in Cuba and provides insight on what it was, what it is, and what it may be.

Venezuela is in the midst of an acute political, economic, and social crisis. Following the March 2013 death of populist President Hugo Chavez, acting President Nicols Maduro of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) narrowly defeated Henrique Capriles of the opposition Democratic Unity Roundtable (MUD) to be elected to a six-year term in April 2013. Four years later, President Maduro has less than 20% public approval and fissures have emerged within the PSUV about the means that he has used to maintain power, including a recent aborted attempt to have the Supreme Court dissolve the MUD-dominated legislature. Protests are escalating amid calls for the Maduro

government to hold the regional elections that Maduro postponed last year rather than convene a constituent assembly to rewrite the constitution, as he has proposed. Venezuela also is grappling with crippling economic and social challenges. It faces an increasingly unstable economic crisis, triggered by mismanagement and the global drop in oil prices. In 2016, the economy contracted by some 18% and inflation averaged 254%. In addition, massive shortages of food and medicine have caused a humanitarian crisis. The Maduro government is struggling to make debt payments and seeking loans from Russia, but economists maintain that Venezuela is at risk of default in 2017. International efforts to facilitate dialogue between President Maduro and the opposition have failed, due to the government's intransigence. In March 2017, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) Luis Almagro called on member states to temporarily suspend Venezuela from the organization if the government did not take certain actions, including convening general elections. On April 26, 2017, the OAS Permanent Council approved a resolution to convene a meeting of foreign ministers to discuss Venezuela. In response, the Maduro government initiated the two-year process required to leave the OAS.

U.S. policymakers have had concerns for more than a decade about human rights and democracy in Venezuela and the government's lack of cooperation on antidrug and counterterrorism efforts. The Obama Administration strongly criticized the Maduro government's heavy-handed response to protests in 2014 and employed sanctions against Venezuelan officials linked to drug trafficking, terrorism, and human rights abuses. At the same time, it supported efforts at dialogue and OAS activities. The Trump Administration has followed the same general policy approach. In February 2017, the Treasury Department imposed drug-trafficking sanctions against Vice President Tareck el Aissami. President Trump and the State Department have called for the release of imprisoned opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez and all political prisoners. State Department officials have condemned the Venezuelan Supreme Court's recent rulings, expressed grave concern about a recent ban preventing Capriles from running for office, and called for prompt elections. Congress has taken various actions in response to the situation in Venezuela. In July 2016, Congress enacted legislation (P.L. 114-194) extending the ability to impose sanctions through 2019. In the 115th Congress, the Senate approved S.Res. 35, expressing support for OAS efforts to hasten a return to electoral democracy in the country. The FY2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act enacted on May 4, 2017, recommends providing \$7 million in democracy and human rights assistance to Venezuela. Congress soon will have the opportunity to reexamine such aid to Venezuela as it considers the FY2018 request. This report provides an overview of the political and economic challenges Venezuela is facing and efforts to respond to those challenges taken through the OAS. The report also analyzes U.S. policy concerns regarding democracy and human rights, drug trafficking, terrorism, and energy issues in Venezuela.

Now in its Sixth Edition, *Fundamentals of Business Organizations for Paralegals* offers basic coverage of every form of business organization in the United States. With a straightforward treatment of all pertinent topics, Deborah E. Bouchoux expertly balances substantive discussion with practical guidance for the paralegal. New to the Sixth Edition: Discussion of 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and how it affects all pass-through entities and corporations New case summaries illustrating core principles in each chapter, including a case illustration of *In re Trulia, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*, the 2016 Delaware case relating to judicial scrutiny of settlements that provide no financial recovery to shareholders who challenge mergers Discussion of the change in the U.S. system from a worldwide tax system to a modified territorial system Discussion of new trends in corporate law, including inversions (reincorporating a U.S. company in a foreign country to obtain a lower tax rate), mechanisms to deter inversions, and the use of cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin in initial coin offerings Review of new trends in corporate governance and trends in shareholder proposals New and updated sample forms Professors and students will benefit from: Thorough yet concise treatment of business organizations, offering a readable overview of each business entity in the United States. For each type of business organization, the text addresses: The nature of the business The advantages and disadvantages of each type of organization Business operation and management Transferability of ownership Formation and dissolution of the business Tax implications for each type of organization Up-to-date coverage of new trends and topics Helpful visual aids and charts that illustrate and highlight important topics Sample forms that appear in context throughout the book Internet resources, including a list of relevant websites in each chapter, that direct the reader to additional information, forms, and agreements online Key Terms that are defined in the margins for quick reference Discussion of the role of the paralegal in each chapter, including a list of tasks commonly performed in relation to each topic Discussion Questions that engage students in the classroom and ensure that students understand the material covered. Net Worth research questions teach students to locate information by accessing commonly used business-related Internet sites. Practice Tips in each chapter that provide professional advice for paralegals A complete glossary that provides an easy reference for terminology Teaching materials include: An Instructor's Manual with Test Bank. The Test Bank includes questions for each chapter and sample exams. PowerPoint Slides

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