Preface to the Fourth Edition

This edition includes extensive updating in text and notes, along with modest changes in principal case selection. Chapter 4 features new decisions that range from straightforward slip-and-fall cases to complex toxic tort cases. Our hope is that they more clearly convey the doctrinal and evidentiary issues associated with the causation component of negligence. We have also continued to follow the ongoing battle in products liability law between the risk-utility and consumer expectation tests. Toward that end, design defect decisions from 2013 and 2015 have been added to Chapter 12. As always, retired cases from prior editions are available, with accompanying notes, at http://www.aspenlawschool.com/books/goldberg_tortlaw.

Perhaps the most significant changes for the Fourth Edition concern format and pedagogy. In addition to a new, user-friendly design, the book is now sprinkled with sidebars and illustrations designed to enhance comprehension, review, and self-assessment. This edition is also the first to use Wolters Kluwer’s Connected Casebook technology. (www.casebookconnect.com) Students who opt for a Connected Casebook will have instant online access to a trove of multiple-choice and essay questions that we have matched to each chapter of the book.

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