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The first edition of this work is recognized as the authority in its field. But fifteen years have passed since its publication, and three generations of justices have scribbled in its margins. Brief consideration of the Court's recent history makes it apparent that more than a pocket part was required to bring the first edition up-to-date. Messrs. Wolfson and Kurland, both former Supreme Court law clerks, have not confined themselves to collecting cases, although their efforts on that score have been exhaustive. Where necessary, they have made a fresh start, as in their discussion of the scope of certiorari jurisdiction. They have also added a very useful division on judgments and mandates, as well as certain hitherto unpublished opinions of individual justices.

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