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**"THE AGING POPULATION** of our nation has had and will continue to have a major effect on people of all ages. Experts in the field of aging estimate that the number of persons sixty-five years of age and over will double by the year 2030. The number of Asian-Pacific elders in the U.S. is expected to increase by over 600 percent during this same period." --From the Preface

*The Elder Law Hawai'i Handbook* describes the essential information needed by individuals and their families or partners who face some of the most serious issues of the later years—declining health and the need for long-term care; appropriate legal and financial planning; and dealing with death, bereavement, and grief. In straightforward language, the authors begin by discussing basic legal, financial, and health-care preparations, including information about lawyers and how they can help in planning your future; drawing up a valid will; probate; executing a durable power of attorney; eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, and other state and federal medical assistance programs.

Updates to the subjects in this book can be found in *DECIDING "WHO CARES?": A Legal Handbook For Hawai'i's Older Persons, Families, and Other Caregivers*.

Although not intended to serve as a "do-it-yourself" legal guide or as a substitute for professional legal advice, *The Elder Law Hawai'i Handbook* is the appropriate starting point for any Hawai'i resident planning for their future or their parents' future. The book is a valuable resource for Hawai'i's attorneys, financial planners, social service providers, elder care counselors, care-givers, and health-care professionals.

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