

Announcing the New ABA Community Resilience Handbook

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New ABA book shares tools and strategies to promote community resilience

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CHICAGO, Sept. 2, 2020 — Just published by the American Bar Association Law Practice Division, “[The Community Resilience Handbook](#)” is a guide for lawyers, municipal officials, and other stakeholders seeking to build and strengthen resilient communities. It presents theoretical frameworks and practical tools to help communities better withstand and more quickly recover from disruptive events like natural disasters.

Community resilience requires collaboration across many sectors and professions, and this book’s interdisciplinary authorship reflects that collaboration. Editors George B. Huff, Jr., Edward A. Thomas, and Nancy McNabb solicited contributions from legal professionals, architects, academics, engineers, business continuity professionals, and others, to provide a deeply nuanced view of resilience in one volume.

Chapters present perspectives on:

- Recommended approaches and resources
- Resilient infrastructure
- Avoiding legal challenges to higher standards for development and redevelopment
- Organizational resilience and business continuity
- Resilient agriculture and environmental considerations
- Financial considerations
- Measuring and assessing risk
- The role of lawyers in promoting resilience
- Government leadership in promoting resilience
- Collaboration and building a culture of continuity
- International standards on resilience

Book editors Huff, Thomas and McNabb are noted industry leaders. Huff is senior business continuity manager at the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). In 2019, he was recognized as a fellow of the Business Continuity Institute. Thomas is president emeritus of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association. He is an elected fellow of the ABA Foundation, a member of the ABA Disaster Response and Preparedness Committee, and chair of the ABA State and Local Government Law Section’s Resilience Task Force. And McNabb is secretary of the Board of the National Institute of Building Science Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council and former manager of Building and Fire Codes and Standards of the Engineering Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

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