

PREFACE

Subclass KB, *Religious Law*, is currently in the process of being developed by Jolande E. Goldberg, law classification specialist in the Cataloging Policy and Support Office. Subclasses KBR, *History of Canon Law*, and KBU, *Law of the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy See*, the first two subclasses to be completed, were published in 2000. The 2004 edition included, in addition to those two subclasses, three new subclasses that were developed between 2000 and 2004: KB, *Religious Law in General. Comparative Religious Law. Jurisprudence*; KBM, *Jewish Law. Halakah*; and KBP, *Islamic Law. Sharī'ah. Fiq.* This 2008 edition includes additions and changes that have been made to these subclasses between 2004 and 2008. For this edition, Arabic script has been provided for many of the proper names and Arabic terms in subclass KBP, in addition to their Latin counterparts. Future editions of KB will incorporate additional subclasses until all of the KB subclasses have been completed.

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