A Practical Guide to Using Repo Master Agreements is the essential book for all who need to know about the international repo market and its products, the important legal, credit and regulatory issues in this space, and most of all need to understand the contents of repo master agreements so that they can negotiate them safely and confidently.

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- Fresh examples of clauses parties seek to negotiate in these agreements.
- A comprehensive and easy-to-navigate table of contents to find items of greatest interest quickly.

This book is principally aimed at lawyers and paralegals who negotiate ICMA and SIFMA repo master agreements. Other professionals in the European and US securities markets will also find this book useful. These could include traders, credit officers and regulators as well as academics specialising in financial securities. Such professionals may work for commercial or investment banks, law firms, treasury units, central banks, pension funds and fund managers. Such is the broad potential appeal of this must-have book which caters for the novice and seasoned negotiator alike.
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