Preface

My interest in networks was sparked in 1999 when, upon moving to Norway, I began research at the University of Oslo in the EU-funded MARVIN project which looked at maritime virtual enterprise networks. This was followed by other research projects on IT-enabled networks such as ALIVE, ECLIP and my doctoral studies. I was fortunate to write this book at that most excellent of research centres, the Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law (NRCCL), University of Oslo, Norway which is affiliated to the Institute of Private Law.

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