Preface

In recent years, European Community legislation designed to harmonize the laws of the Member States on many important topics within private international law has been adopted or proposed. This volume seeks to analyse in detail the most significant of these EC measures and proposals.

After a general introduction, Chapters 2–11 examine the Brussels I Regulation on civil jurisdiction and judgments. Chapters 12 and 13 deal with the Rome Convention on choice of law in respect of contracts, and Chapters 14 and 15 with the Rome II Proposal on choice of law in respect of torts and restitutionary obligations. Family matters, especially the Brussels IIA Regulation on matrimonial matters and parental responsibility, are considered in Chapters 16–18. Finally, Chapter 19 examines the Insolvency Regulation.

The present volume reached its semi-final form in November 2005, and makes use of materials available by that date. It has also been possible to incorporate some important subsequent developments in the case-law up to March 2006. But the three EC Commission proposals released in December 2005 and January 2006 – the Maintenance Proposal, the Rome I Proposal, and the amended Rome II Proposal – came too late for their content to be examined.

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