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W.M.R.

To My Parents, Roy and Doris.  
W.L.R.

To My Parents, Norman and Emily.  
C.A.W.



# *PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION*

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In the decade since the publication of the third edition of this book, there have been steady changes in most of the areas covered. None has been revolutionary on its own, but together the developments have had a substantial impact; those changes are reflected throughout this edition. For example, Chapter 3 on Jurisdiction of Courts includes discussions of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2011 decisions in *J. McIntyre Machinery Ltd. v. Nicastro* and *Goodyear Dunlop Tires Operations, S.A. v. Brown*, more expansive treatment of the forum non conveniens doctrine, an enhanced discussion of jurisdictional immunities, and an updated section on jurisdiction in cyberspace. Chapter 4 on Choice of Law is updated with new cases, a discussion of choice-of-law codification efforts, and recent developments related to the Erie doctrine. Chapter 6 includes updated discussions of conflict-of-laws issues surrounding same-sex marriage and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

Moreover, the book's coverage of international matters has been enhanced throughout. In addition to Chapter 5's expanded treatment of the recognition and enforcement of foreign country judgments, there are new discussions of the Hague Service Convention, the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, the U.N. Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (the "New York Convention"), the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and the Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.

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