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Abstract

The reviewed book does not analyze all the provisions of European Private International Law, but only the relations between professionals in different fields and, tangentially, the relations of professionals with other categories of law subjects. This combination between aspects of international trade and the rules of European Private International Law is unique and very welcomed in the domestic legal landscape, especially since Carmen Tamara Ungureanu opts for issues that a lawyer faces daily, issues of current interest, particularly in the context of technological development and the European Union's choice and ambition to become a world leader in the digital economy.

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European Private International Law in International Commercial Relations is a book that covers a field less explored in the Romanian legal literature. The author, Carmen Tamara Ungureanu, is a professor at the Faculty of Law, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Romania, whose work revolves around the international commercial law. It is worth mentioning in this regard the course of the author International Commercial Law, published by the same publisher in 2018, which has brought a new breath to the subject, adapted to the rules of the global market.

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The author has chosen 14 topics, which deal with issues related to e-commerce, data industry, issues related to the collaborative economy, investment in multiple forms, some determined by the rise of the so-called platform law, business mobility in the EU, dispute resolution through alternative means, corporate social responsibility, tort liability and liability for smart products, online commercial advertising and arbitration in the European Union.

Given that technology is always many steps ahead of the law, the rules applicable to and related to the digital economy are constantly being transformed, renewed, revised. The book reviewed here captures the current state of affairs, anticipating, within certain reasonable limits, future regulations, by presenting beyond the legislation and case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) some proposals for European regulations, on which the reader deserves to be informed.

Each of the 14 topics addresses the issue of jurisdiction and applicable law, with the case law of the CJEU taking center stage. The author highlights, in key points, the most important aspects of the CJEU judgments, which she analyzes using the legal literature available on the subject. A uniformity in approach is maintained, so that the reader is not

surprised by the form, but only by the content imbued with novelty, both in terms of regulation and in terms of legal literature, especially foreign, on which the analysis is based.

As to understand the issues addressed in this book, a complete reading is not required. Theme I introduces the reader to the basic rules of the subject, and then he/she chooses any topic that is of interest to him/her. In each chapter, the basic notions for the treated issue are presented, supported by a consistent bibliography, mostly available online. Thus, the reader has at his/her disposal the "tools" necessary to deepen the subject he/she is interested in. A list of the entire bibliography used can be found at the end of the book.

European Private International Law in International Commercial Relations is a book for the use of masters in law, undergraduate students and lawyers involved in resolving disputes in European Private International Law. Unique in the legal literature in Romania, we consider it a useful instrument for all those interested. The book brings together the latest European regulations and the relevant case law of the CJEU, frequently presented in comparison with rules and case law from outside the European area. Written in a clear and logical style, easy to follow, the book is characterized by simplicity and, at the same time, by depth. When it does not provide solutions to the problems the reader is seeking, it tells him/her where to look for the answer. The book deserves, at least, to be browsed!

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