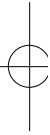

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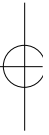
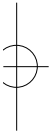
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Preface

This book was created to assist American law students and attorneys who are studying or practicing international family law. It was designed to supplement materials in courses on private and/or public international family law, whether the courses utilize the authors' own casebook published by Carolina Academic Press, *Family Law in the World Community: Cases, Materials, and Problems in Comparative and International Family Law*, or other materials.

The dynamic field of international family law draws upon numerous sources of international and domestic law. While many volumes of documents could usefully be compiled, we have selected and edited those primary documents we feel are most critical to an introductory exploration of this exciting area. For reasons of space, we have excluded the numerous and often voluminous documents and reports issued by the United Nations, the Hague Conference on International Law, and the regional intergovernmental organizations relevant to matters falling within the field of international family law. Many of these excluded documents and reports are discussed in our casebook.

We have divided the book's contents into five parts. Part One primarily contains selected United Nations' instruments. We have included the multilateral conventions and human rights declarations of the General Assembly that are particularly pertinent to familial rights and obligations.

Part Two includes the selected conventions of the Hague Conference on Private International Law that address transnational family formation, dissolution, rights, and duties. We have included only the most current convention in those instances that the Hague Conference has promulgated successive conventions addressing the same topic, such as the recognition of maintenance obligations.

Part Three consists of selected conventions and regulations promulgated by regional intergovernmental organizations: the European Union, Council of Europe, Organization of American States, African Union, and League of Arab States. Many of these instruments are human rights conventions that shape the development of domestic family law within the member states. Other conventions in this section address courts' jurisdiction to adjudicate transnational family law disputes, and courts' obligation to recognize and enforce foreign judgments related to family disputes.

Part Four contains excerpts from U.S. federal statutes relevant to international family issues. These materials include the International Parental Kidnapping Crime Act, the

Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000, and statutes relevant to immigration and international child support enforcement. U.S. federal regulations governing international child abduction and international adoption are also included in this Part.

Part Five consists of two Uniform Acts promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws: the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act and the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. These Acts, which address issues of jurisdiction and enforcement of foreign orders, are pertinent to disputes involving international child custody and international child support.

We hope this compilation of materials provides a convenient tool for exploring the field of international family law. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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