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Preface

In this coursebook, editors with academic, governmental, and private practice backgrounds combine their various experiences and viewpoints to produce a fairly thorough coverage of international and transnational criminal law—with special emphasis on responsibilities (both individual and state); jurisdictional considerations; U.S. and Canadian fora and competencies; extradition, rendition and related matters; international cooperative efforts; international prosecutorial fora; various international crimes; and various matters of defense.

As we submit materials for publication, we are aware that current events will require supplementation especially of Chapter Seven. Opening statements are being made in the Tadic case before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Indictments have been issued concerning alleged crimes in Rwanda and we expect new developments in connection with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) by the time of publication. Additionally, there are historic efforts being made to create a permanent International Criminal Court. Regional international criminal tribunals are also being contemplated, offering new areas of practice and concern. The United Kingdom has recently announced its intention to prosecute an alleged Nazi war criminal under legislation that has not been used for decades. The U.S. and Canada have yet to make adequate efforts in this regard. Nonetheless, major concern with terrorism and drug trafficking have propelled our two countries into greater efforts and new cooperative arrangements, especially concerning so-called narco-terrorism, organized crime, and money laundering. Recurrent problems, and strains, remain with respect to processes of extradition and kidnapping. Civil claims also proceed in domestic courts, as in the case of Kadic v. Karadzic in the U.S. Second Circuit. In short, there are exciting new developments that will shape international criminal law for decades.

We are pleased to offer the first major coursebook for students in Canada, the United States, and elsewhere on International Criminal Law and expect that with its publication professors in areas of international law and/or criminal law will increasingly participate in a growing field of law that is clearly part of the needed curriculum for the next century.

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This third edition of the coursebook has been updated and revised, especially in view of developments in the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda and at the Rome Conference in 1998, leading to the creation of the Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and its functioning. There are numerous

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notes and case extracts from decisions of the ICTY and ICTR. Most of the documents are found in the Documents Supplement accompanying this third edition.

With recent developments, this course has become all the more important as a supplement to any international law program.

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