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Preface

Introductory works should not be overly long, yet provide an overview for those who quickly need to be brought up to speed and tickle the interest of those who want to go deeper. This book aims at both. It attaches particular importance to the justification and fabric of intellectual property in the context of civil law principles.

Different from other fields of civil law, intellectual property law has organically developed within a framework of international agreements that is the common language of experts around the globe. International agreements and their obligations starting from the Paris Convention 1883 have provided intellectual property law with a common tradition that allows the subject to be taught, approached and discussed at a global level.

This book is divided in three parts: The first deals with the justification and fabric of intellectual property law, the second with international agreements in this field. Both are inseparably linked, as domestic concepts have made their way into international agreements and vice versa. The third part is meant for classroom use and provides three "mock trials" that allow students to test and apply their knowledge in moot court competitions.

In writing this book I have been greatly assisted by my dear friend and travel companion Sir James F. Mitchell for whose common sense and erudite knowledge I am ever so grateful. The images of Dr. Baer, the angora cats and the little pirates were painted by Monè Cepelinai.

Finally, it is with deep regret that I have learnt of rumours according to which I have won my doctoral degree in a cat food lottery. Nothing could be further from the truth. At the oral defence of my thesis, I may however have been asked "How many mice can dance on the top of a needle?", yet my recollection thereof is hazy.

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