Preface EIR 2015

This Commentary on the European Insolvency Regulation (EIR) of 2015 is a newcomer in the long introduced and well received series of European Commentaries on Private International Law. Insolvency law is of imminent importance for businesses and commerce because, in nuce, it allows to eliminate or restructure entities which have become unfit for the challenges of the market. For a territory and market of the size of the EU with its huge and still growing number of transactions between its Member States, uniform rules on where under which conditions to institute insolvency proceedings on which assets and where to recognize and enforce insolvency decisions are of essential importance. The present commentary pursues in depth the EIR article by article. As the other commentaries of the series, it is truly European in nature and style, written by a Pan-European team of leading experts. The book offers indispensable guidance to lawyers, practitioners, judges, and academics involved in insolvency law.

Habent sua fata libelli. The commentary was scheduled to be released by the end of 2022. But, having almost finished his contributions, my dear friend and co-editor Peter Mankowski passed away in February 2022 and, also the responsible person at the former publisher Otto Schmidt as well as myself became seriously ill in 2022 and recovered only recently. Moreover, the book went to our new publisher de Gruyter-Brill. Now the commentary reflects the law as of 2025. I did my best to fully finalise and update Peter's contributions whose name the series will continue to carry.

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