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Abstract:

In the two recent years the Court of Justice of the EU delivered a number of important judgments pertaining to legal instruments within the framework of the so-called Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters. The law of international civil procedure thus remains one of the most vividly developing spheres of the European integration. The article contains the overall review of the ECJ acquis in the field of the EU international family law and several other instruments of the international civil procedure, incl. the Regulation for the European Enforcement Order, the European Payment Order, the Cross-Border Insolvency, and the Evidence Regulations. The motives of the ECJ judgments are confronted systematically with the scholarly elaborations, often critical about various aspects of the Court's legal reasoning. The authors pay much attention to the mechanisms of cooperation between Member States and the Union, trying not only to look into the technical matters raised by the respective cases before the Court of Justice but also highlighting the importance of some underlying constitutional and international aspects.