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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 two-part article is the detailed and profound study of the ECJ's acquis within the framework of the basic legal instruments underpinning the EU Common Judicial Area, including all the 'Brussels' Regulations (Regulation No. 44/2001 and Regulation No. 1215/2012, the Small Claims Regulation No. 861/2007, the Insolvency Regulation No. 1346/2000, etc. 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.