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Abstract:

Over the past two years the Court of Justice of the EU has delivered several important judgments on legal instruments forming the framework of the so-called judicial cooperation in civil matters. Therefore, international civil procedure law remains one of the most vigorous areas of European integration.

The two-part article contains a detailed and comprehensive study of the ECJ’s *acquis* within the framework of basic legal instruments underpinning the EU Common Judicial Area, including all “Brussels” Regulations, the Insolvency Regulation (No 1346/2000), the Succession Regulation (No 650/2012), the Small Claims Regulation (No 861/2007), etc.

The authors pay close attention to the mechanisms of cooperation between Member States and the Union; they are endeavouring not only to analyse the technical matters raised by the respective cases pending before the Court of Justice, but also to highlight the importance of some underlying constitutional and international aspects.