

Preface

Contemporary reality is taking on a more and more cross-border dimension, which materializes in the form of international economic relations, intensive development of e-commerce and increased individuals' mobility, which is closely related to the possibility of free movement of people. The above-mentioned phenomenon is reflected in the legal sphere in the occurrence of a large number private legal relations with an foreign element. It is mainly a consequence of public-law regulations. However, it should be noted that private-law entities make use of the possibilities under the legal framework of a public nature, but the exercise of the freedoms granted by public law is usually based on legal relationships of a private nature established by these entities. If private-law relations are linked with at least two legal systems, there is a necessity to resolve a conflict, and to indicate which of the legal systems should be applicable to a certain life situation. Answers to this question are provided by conflict-of-law rules of private international law, which delimit the spheres of application in various legal systems.

Therefore, we are pleased to present "Private International Law in Poland", which is the first on the Polish market comprehensive study in English concerning Polish and the EU private international law regulations. The book covers all issues related to private international law, both the institutions of the general part of private international law and conflict-of-law rules that are intended to indicate law applicable to particular private law life situations. The book presents regulations contained in the Act of 4 February 2011 – Private International Law, the EU regulations and international agreements, which constitute sources of private international law.

The individual chapters are devoted to certain life situations involving private international law within which conflict-of-law rules are used to determine applicable law, as well as to issues concerning the scope of application of particular applicable laws (statutes). A separate chapter discusses general concepts of private international and problems strictly connected therewith, concerning the application of conflict-of-law rules and of foreign law by Polish courts. The book contains also a chapter on

international civil procedure, which remains in a strong functional connection with private international law.

This book is mainly intended for law practitioners and representatives of legal doctrine, both in Poland and abroad. Nevertheless, it should be noted that the layout as well as the scope of the publication indicate it may be a valuable and useful source of information also for law students and all those who are interested in getting information on private international law provisions which are in force in Poland.