

Civil Procedure

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Two major legal trends of recent decades have brought civil procedure within the purview of comparative law. First, the complex international legal relationships created by supranational and intergovernmental organizations often require practitioners to be familiar with legal procedures in other countries. Second, international treaties and EU Regulations have encouraged the harmonization of procedural rules across national jurisdictions.

The **Civil Procedure** volumes of the *International Encyclopaedia of Laws* provide in-depth descriptions and analysis of numerous domestic systems, guiding lawyers of differing legal backgrounds through foreign proceedings with which they and their clients may be confronted.

National monographs describe the main features of each country's judicial organization, the rules governing the jurisdiction of the courts, the actual court proceedings, the rules of evidence, the principles governing preliminary seizure and the enforcement of judgments, and some elements of national arbitration.

In addition, a forthcoming EU monograph analyses the Regulation 44/2001, as well as the Conventions of Lugano and San Sebastian. An international monograph will deal with international multi-lateral treaties.

Each monograph follows a uniform structure and includes information on the political and legal system of the country and comprehensively analysis of relevant procedural law legislation and practice.

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