

Preface

The cases and materials in this book were selected to introduce first year civil procedure students to a range of comparative, transnational, and international perspectives. I have included ten chapters introducing issues regarding access to justice, pleadings, discovery, the jury, personal jurisdiction, service, subject matter jurisdiction, conflict of laws, and enforcement of foreign judgments. This book can be used to supplement any civil procedure casebook, and the chapters can be used in any combination or order.

This book is designed to be very accessible for first year law students. The magnificent complexity of comparative, transnational and international perspectives is reserved for other courses. Instead, this book provides law students with a vocabulary of terms and concepts that globalization has introduced. An annotated bibliography provides students and professors with a roadmap for more detailed study.

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And to students studying civil procedure with a global perspective, I hope that you find these materials rewarding and fun—yes, fun!

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