

# Preface

The first edition of *Conflict of Laws* was published in 2007. No author can ask for more than the fact that a second edition of the book is being published in 2009, a bare two years later. That this is being done in the case of a book on a somewhat esoteric subject makes it all the more gratifying.

This edition retains the scheme and format of the earlier edition. I have taken the opportunity of incorporating new decisions, principally in England, as there have been comparatively few in India. I have also included reference to later editions of the two English classics in the field, *Dicey, Morris & Collins* and *Cheshire, North & Fawcett*. Though the fourteenth edition of both works are considerably larger than the earlier editions, much of the additional material is because of European legislation and rules which are of little value to readers in India.

In the earlier edition I had extensively relied on leading textbooks from Australia and Canada which had enabled me to refer to decisions of the State and Provincial courts in those countries apart from the decisions of the Australian High Court and the Canadian Supreme Court. A later edition of those textbooks does not appear to have been published so that the case law in those countries has not been updated though I have incorporated a few later decisions of the Australian High Court and the Canadian Supreme Court which I was able to locate and access.

Some errors in the first edition have been corrected, and I have added decisions which ought to have been noted in the earlier edition but was overlooked.

I must again thank Mr Marco Wadia, Advocate, for making some Law Reports easily available. I am grateful to Mr Pravin Samdani, Senior Advocate, for drawing my attention to three unreported decisions of the Bombay High Court, all of Division Benches, on section 44A of the Code of Civil Procedure. The existence of unreported decisions makes the task

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of a writer in India difficult as he has no means of even knowing about them unless his attention is drawn to them.

The law in this edition is, in general, as of 1 January 2009.

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