Latest Issue of “Praxis des Internationalen Privat- und Verfahrensrechts” –
Annotation on “Color Drack”

Recently, the latest issue of the German legal journal *Praxis des Internationalen Privat- und Verfahrensrecht* ("IPRax") has been published.

I.) Annotation on *Color Drack*

The issue contains *inter alia* an annotation by Peter Mankowski (Hamburg) on the ECJ’s judgment in *Color Drack GmbH./.Lexx International Vertriebs GmbH* of 3 May 2007 where the Court had to deal with the question of jurisdiction in cases where there are several places of delivery within a single Member State.

*Mankowski* outlines in his annotation six potential solutions, pointing out, however, that none of them is – due to the complexity of the issue – completely convincing. This is, according to *Mankowski*, also true with regard to the approach adopted by the ECJ, which has developed a two-stage solution for identifying the competent court in cases where there are several places of delivery within a single Member State: According to the ECJ, “the court having jurisdiction to hear all the claims based on the contract for the sale of goods is that for the principal place of delivery, which must be determined on the basis of economic criteria. In the absence of determining factors for establishing the principal place of delivery, the plaintiff may sue the defendant in the court for the place of delivery of its choice.”

*Mankowski* examines this solution critically and points out that determining the main focus of the deliveries, as advocated by the Court, implied uncertainty which contravened
the aims of the Regulation. Also the subsidiary solution of
the Court which shall be applied in cases where no main focus
can be ascertained, the claimant’s choice, is regarded
sceptically since the Court’s premise, in these cases all
places of (part) deliveries were equivalent, could not be
agreed with.

Due to the uncertainties which are attended with determining
the main focus, Mankowski asks for further concretizing
criteria and suggests to proceed – following choice of law
rules which try to designate the law with the closest link to
the case – from the assumption that it is decisive where the
deliverer’s place of business which is in charge of the
contract is situated. In cases where nothing is delivered at
this place, Art. 5 (1) lit. c Brussels I Regulation referred
to Art. 5 (1) lit. a Brussels I Regulation and consequently to
national law.

See regarding this case also our previous posts on the
Advocate General’s opinion, the judgment and further
annotations.

II.) Contents

In addition to this annotation the new issue of the “IPRax”
contains inter alia the following contributions:

- Article by Axel Halfmeier (Bremen) on the action raising
  an objection to the judgment claim (“Die
  Vollstreckungsgegenklage im Recht der internationalen
  Zuständigkeit”)
- Wolf-Georg Ringe (Oxford) examines the impact of the
  ECJ’s jurisprudence regarding companies’ freedom of
  establishment on international civil procedure law
  (“Überseering im Verfahrensrecht – Zu den Auswirkungen
  der EuGH-Rechtsprechung zur Niederlassungsfreiheit von
  Gesellschaften auf das Internationale
  Zivilprozessrecht”)
Annotation by Herbert Roth (Regensburg) on a decision of the Court of Appeal Düsseldorf concerning the question of whether the debtor's identity has to be clarified – in case of uncertainties – already during the proceedings for a declaration of enforceability (“Der Streit um die Schuldneridentität im Verfahren der Vollstreckbarerklärung nach Art. 41, 43 EuGVVO”)

Annotation by Urs Peter Gruber (Halle) on a decision of the Court of Appeal Bamberg dealing with the question of whether proceedings for a declaration of enforceability according to Artt. 51, 31 et seq. Brussels Convention are suspended in case insolvency proceedings are opened with regard to the respondent's assets abroad (“Inländisches Vollstreckbarerklärungsverfahren und Auslandskonkurs”)

Annotation by Stefan Kröll (Cologne) on two decisions of the Court of Appeal Karlsruhe regarding the question of whether procedural irregularities which have allegedly occurred at the place of arbitration can be raised in the proceedings for a declaration of enforceability (“Die Präklusion von Versagungsgründen bei der Vollstreckbarerklärung ausländischer Schiedssprüche”)

Annotation by Marcus Mack (Heidelberg) on the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Sinochem (“Forum Non Conveniens – Abweisung ohne Zuständigkeitsprüfung”)

Article by Stephan Balthasar (Munich) on the recognition and enforcement of German judgments on the Channel Islands (“Anerkennung und Vollstreckung deutscher Urteile nach common law auf den Kanalinseln und Verbürgung der Gegenseitigkeit”)

The full contents as well as news in private international law can be found at the journal’s website.