

New edition standard textbook on modern Roman-Dutch private international law

The fifth edition of Christopher Forsyth's *Private International Law. The Modern Roman-Dutch Law, including the Jurisdiction of the High Courts* (2012) appeared recently. The author is professor of public law and private international law at the University of Cambridge. This work is the standard textbook on the private international law applicable in South Africa and most of its neighbouring countries (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe), as well as in Sri Lanka. Of interest to the foreign reader may be especially the sections on classification (76-90; the decision *Society of Lloyd's v Price; Society of Lloyd's v Lee* 2006 5 SA 393 (SCA) is regarded by the author as "the leading decision on characterization in the common-law world" (v)) and on the influence of constitutional values on private international law (19-20), including in the context of arrest to found or confirm jurisdiction (196), polygamous marriages (289-291), same-sex marriages (300-301), the proprietary consequences of marriages (302-303) and the enforcement of foreign judgements (468). More information can be found on the website of the publisher: www.juta.co.za.