Private International Law in Commonwealth Africa

Published this week is ***Private International Law in Commonwealth Africa*** (Cambridge University Press, 2013) by Prof. Richard Oppong of Thompson Rivers University.

From the book's website:

The book won the 2013 American Society of International Law prize in Private International Law. The prize 'recognizes exceptional work in private international law'. The Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, observes in his foreword to the book that: 'The publication of *Private International Law in Commonwealth Africa* marks a significant milestone in the history and development of private international law in Africa. Its encyclopaedic analysis of fifteen national legal systems – which account for over 40 per cent of the continent's population yet over 70 per cent of its economic output – will go a long way to filling a gap in knowledge in respect of this important region of the world'.

The book offers an unrivalled breadth of coverage in its comparative examination of the laws in Botswana, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The book draws on nearly 1500 cases decided by courts in these countries (the majority of which have never been cited in any academic work) and numerous national statutes. It covers the areas of jurisdiction, choice of law, foreign judgments and arbitral awards enforcement, and international civil procedure. It also provides an extensive bibliography of the literature on African private international law.

Copies of the book may be obtained from many sources including the Cambridge UK and Amazon websites (link here).