

**FOREWORD**

‘A good and considerate judge is better  
than a good law, for he can always  
manage to perform in a rightful manner’

With this quotation from a brief issued in the 18th Century to the judges of the Kingdom of Sweden, Bert Voskuil ended his address as *doctor honoris causa* of the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, in December 1987. The citation reflects his attitude towards the law and reality in the administration of justice. Indeed, throughout Bert Voskuil’s career as a scholar, administrator and substitute judge, questions of procedural law in an international context have always claimed his special interest. The contributions from his friends in the present *Liber Amicorum* — presented to Bert Voskuil on the occasion of his 30th anniversary as Director of the *T.M.C. Asser Instituut* — reflect that interest and his activities in that field of law. The essays cover not only problems of international civil procedure and international arbitration — the bulk of this collection — but also questions of administering justice in the domestic civil and criminal law contexts, as well as in the fields of public international law and European law.

The editors are grateful to all those who have helped to realize the present *Liber Amicorum*. This collection is indeed a homage to Bert Voskuil; it is equally a tribute to true friendship. All the authors, although overloaded with work, gave of their precious time to send their contribution on time for the present publication. Several members of the *Asser Instituut* also assisted in the sub-editing work and devoted many extra hours in order to have this *Liber Amicorum* ready for publication. All have done it willingly in the name of friendship and in honour of Bert Voskuil, who himself is true and loyal to his friends.

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