PREFACE

Succession law is a field in which every lawyer can assert a certain level of expertise! Yet, even a seasoned author of numerous works on succession law can be pleasantly surprised by the diversity and depth of insights offered by both Ukrainian and foreign scholars. This publication exemplifies such an experience. It was both a challenge and a privilege to bring together in one scientific and practical manual an array of innovative and diverse perspectives from experts across various jurisdictions.

The wealth of original and thought-provoking material presented here is truly remarkable, inspiring a desire to share this knowledge with professionals worldwide. This aspiration gave rise to the idea of publishing the monograph not only in Ukrainian but also in English. The goal is twofold: first, to showcase Ukraine's academic achievements and the capacity of Ukrainian scholars to collaborate with their international counterparts, and second, to enhance the proficiency of Ukrainian lawyers and students in English legal terminology. Mastering legal English equips Ukrainian lawyers to adapt professionally in European contexts and enables students to prepare for future international endeavors. In turn, this supports Ukraine's integration into the European Union by ensuring its legal professionals are well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

The timeliness of this study is underscored by the ongoing challenges faced in the third year of the russian federation's war against Ukraine. New legal mechanisms have been developed to safeguard the inheritance rights of military personnel, including those at the frontlines or in captivity. Furthermore, exploring the inheritance laws of other nations prepares Ukraine to address complex legal situations, such as those involving the inheritance rights of Ukrainian citizens abroad, and aligns with its broader goal of harmonizing its legal framework with European standards.

This book is highly recommended to those seeking to expand their understanding of inheritance law and to address intricate and ambiguous legal issues related to inheritance and family relations across European jurisdictions. It will appeal to scholars, notaries, legal practitioners, judges, educators, and students alike. Moreover, it is an invaluable resource for

legislators engaged in the recodification of Ukraine's civil legislation and the improvement of its inheritance law.

We present this publication with confidence and respect to all our readers – restless seekers of knowledge who are determined to enhance their expertise and understanding,

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