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## PREFACE

The great novelty of *Netherlands Insolvency Law* is that it is the first book in the English language covering the Netherlands insolvency law as a whole. It is a practical book for use by internal and external legal counsel, Dutch and non-Dutch companies, students, academics and practitioners alike, presenting not only the principal concepts but also the current state of affairs of the Netherlands insolvency law. The reader is offered not only the black letter law, but also impartial discussions presenting differing views on particular aspects of the insolvency law. Furthermore, *Netherlands Insolvency Law* briefly addresses recent developments such as the EU Insolvency Regulation and the progress made on the ongoing total revision of the Netherlands Bankruptcy Act in the “*Marktwerking, Dereguleren en Wetgevingskwaliteit* (MDW)”-project.

Declercq has successfully managed to strike such a balance that, on the one hand, the book offers the reader more than an average introduction, while on the other hand, it is not weighed down in a quagmire of technical detail. Declercq’s experience and international exposure as an insolvency lawyer in one of the most reputable law firms in the Netherlands has probably contributed in this respect.

*Netherlands Insolvency Law* promises to become a standard textbook to a wide-ranging audience.

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