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## Preface

It has been a challenge to modernise the *magnus opus* of Isabella Diederiks-Verschoor which has received so much attention in the world of air law. We have attempted to improve the structure and update the contents without affecting the conceptual ideas of Isabella Diederiks.

The swift development in aviation and air law necessitated a rather thorough revision of a number of chapters, notably those pertaining to the EU regulatory regime, air carrier and product liability, insurance, and rights in aircraft. New ICAO made conventions on third party liability and criminal acts affecting the safety of aviation are discussed while attention is also paid to developments in the field of the environment.

As this book is designed as an Introduction to Air Law it does not pretend to exhaustively analyse the multifaceted facets of international air law and policy. The current edition has been provided with references to myriad sources including references to the most recent case law and publications. They should give further guidance.

The texts of treaties and international agreements can be found on the internet. The website of ICAO provides useful information regarding the adherence of states to multilateral air law treaties.

This edition keeps up the tradition of previous versions of this book as it is the result of a collaborative effort. The assistance from Michael Butler is invaluable. His insight into all aspects of air transport, in particular the safety thereof, and his meticulous corrections have enhanced the quality of this book. Furthermore, I am very grateful to Berend Crans, Partner at the law firm De Brauw in Amsterdam, for revising the Chapter on Rights in aircraft. I am also indebted to Nicholas Medniuk, Partner at Clyde and Co in London, for updating the chapter on insurance. Their analytical and practical expertise has contributed to a state of the art treatment of the mentioned subjects. Jeroen Mauritz and Darcy Beamer-Downie deserve praise

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We hope that the present edition enriches knowledge on air law and encourages the reader to further explore this fascinating and dynamic field of international law.

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Pablo Mendes de Leon

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