

## Preface to this Edition

The republication of this book is a work of love. As a member of Transnational's Editorial Board, Fritz Juenger was and is irreplaceable. Even when his health was declining, he was always ready to render assistance, always insistent to probe more deeply, and always frank with his criticism. Yet, his criticism ultimately endeared even those subject to it - because it sought to support, not demolish, our work. I can still hear his voice: "Heike, my dear, what I can I do for you?"

Whenever I saw Fritz, whether at a conference or privately, his booming voice, quick mind, and sharp wit tended to dominate the situation. He was a superb lawyer, a revered teacher, and hands down the funniest and most entertaining person in his whole generation of legal academics. And he was a very good friend. Fritz was, of course, a highly original and enormously prolific scholar. Reading his work, one would think that writing came easy to him. Yet, many years ago, when I asked him to author a book for Transnational, he confessed: "Writing to me is torture. I agonize over every sentence." I was shocked to hear this from someone who produced such elegant prose. Over time, however, when I came to know Fritz better, I began to understand: he was as demanding of himself as he was of others, if not more so.

When Fritz's wife, Barbara, asked me to republish *Choice of Law and Multistate Justice*, I was at first reluctant. To reprint a book, even an important one, often is not commercially feasible. Then the idea to combine the original text with a set of comments by experts in the field was born. A colloquium on *Choice of Law and Multistate Justice*, held by invitation of Dean Rex Perschbacher at the University of California at Davis School of Law in February 2004, brought together friends and colleagues of Fritz for a discussion of his work. Fritz would have been pleased with the lively exchange of (often controversial) views. Michael Traynor's "Heavenly Inquiry from Professor Juenger" almost made one believe that Fritz actually took part in the debate. And in sense, as the author of the views under discussion, he did.

We miss you, Fritz, and hope that others may be as inspired by your work as we are.

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