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This text gives a high level overview of electronic signatures and methods of authentication, and also includes a discussion of the issues that arise when using electronic signatures across borders.

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Electronic signatures are ubiquitous. Every person that uses e-mail, uses an electronic signature. Every person that uses a cash card, debit card or credit card uses a form of electronic signature. The third edition of this book provides an up-date on the case law across the world, providing a practical guide to understanding electronic signatures, providing an analysis of what constitutes an electronic signature, the form an electronic signature can take issues relating to evidence, formation of contract and negligence.

The case law on electronic signatures covers a vast range of law, including: employment, family, divorce proceedings, formation of contracts, insurance, e-wills, public administration, judicial use, Statute of Frauds, property transactions, local government planning, criminal, and corporations. The text includes pertinent case law from 28 jurisdictions: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England & Wales, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America.

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