

# Preface

Writing this book has been a challenging but enriching enterprise which led me to explore the frontiers between science and law in the field of anti-doping. The goal was to address evidentiary issues under the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code in a manner that would be useful to legal practitioners and scientists in anti-doping alike, so as to make both communities aware of the needs for interaction and promote the dialogue between them. An enterprise of this kind requires by nature to confront different perspectives, and a number of people in various disciplines contributed to the accomplishment of this goal. I hereby wish to express my gratitude to them.

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