

PREFACE

*Current through 2013, with selected updates
through June 2014.*

On behalf of all the authors, I am pleased to present this Fourth Edition of *International Labor and Employment Laws*, Volumes IA and IB. Our work to record the many changes that affect workplaces around the world will continue as we update this edition with Supplements on an ongoing basis.

The purpose of these Volumes and Supplements is not to present an exhaustive discussion of the different systems of law, but rather to provide basic knowledge of the statutory and regulatory systems of the countries covered. The authors have attempted to describe the most prominent features in each country or topic covered, in straightforward, understandable language. The complete outline sent to the author contributors is reproduced below, in the hope that it will give readers a meaningful overview of the broad subject matter approach that has been taken in preparing the work.

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