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PREFACE

Voila! Here is the book I have been working on for the last four years! It is not as astonishing as the Holy Stone of Clonrichert, but I believe that it is the second-best thing. I hope that it will end up in a more suitable place than the Holy Stone, in your library, for example.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABRvS	Administrative Law Division of the Council of State
ADR	alternative dispute resolution
AG	Advocate General
AJTC	Administrative Justice and Tribunal Council
Art.	Article
AWB	General Administrative Law Act
CBB	Trade and Industry Appeals Tribunal
CFI	Court of First Instance of the European Communities
CoJ	European Court of Justice
CPR	Civil Procedure Rules
CRvB	Central Appeals Tribunal
EUCST	European Union Civil Service Tribunal
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EN	England
EPSO	European Personnel Selection Office
EU	European Union
EUO	European Ombudsman
EUP	European Parliament
EURATOM	European Atomic Energy Community
FTT	First Tier Tribunal
GALA	General Administrative Law Act
EUGC	General Court of the European Union
GPPA	general principles of proper administration
HR	Supreme Court
HSO	Health Service Ombudsman
JOA	Judicial Organisation Act
LBIO	Landelijk Bureau Inning Onderhoudsbijdragen
LGO	Local Government Ombudsmen
MEP	Member of European Parliament
NO	National Ombudsman
NL	Netherlands

Abbreviations

NZB	Nieuwe zaaksbehandeling
OLAF	European Anti-Fraud Office
PASC	Public Administration Select Committee
PAP	the Pre-Action Protocol for Judicial Review
PCA	Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration
PO	Parliamentary Ombudsman
Rb.	District Court (the Netherlands)
RMP	Royal Military Police
sec.	section
TCE Act	Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act
TEC	Treaty Establishing the European Community
TECSC	Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community
TEU	Treaty on European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TPR	Tribunal Procedural Rules
UK	United Kingdom
Vzngr.	provisional judge (the Netherlands)
WNo	the National Ombudsman Act