

Preface

This book results of several years of applied research in the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and The Law, undertaken by a multi-disciplinary team. During these years, our aim has always been to study, address and solve actual problems in the domain of Conflict Resolution, especially the one carried out with the support of the new information technologies. The book provides an overview of the current challenges in this field. It addresses some of these challenges, from a technological point of view, by detailing tools developed by the authors over the last years. Finally, the book focuses on the context of a conflict, how it can be characterized and how it can be efficiently used by conflict managers to improve their decision-making processes. It is suited for students, legal practitioners, conflict managers or the general public with interest in conflict, its context and its resolution.

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