EDITORIAL NOTE: The third volume of Ernst Rabel's comparative treatise on the conflict of laws was originally published in 1950. With the continued support of The University of Michigan Law School and the cooperation of the Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht in Hamburg, this second edition of Volume III has been prepared. Plans for the revision of Volumes I and II were made before the death of the author on September 7, 1955, and the work was carried to completion by Dr. Ulrich Drobnig of the staff of the Institut in Hamburg. We were fortunate in obtaining the services of another well-qualified member of the staff of that Institut, Dr. Herbert Bernstein, who spent the academic year 1962-1963 as research associate at The University of Michigan Law School. As in previous revisions of this work, this volume has very few changes in the text, as distinguished from the footnotes. Citations and illustrations have been brought up to date to the end of 1962.