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International Legal Developments
Year in Review: 2014

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This volume surveys important political and legal developments in international law during the year 2014. It compiles reports from various committees of the American Bar Association Section of International Law, whose members span the globe and whose committees monitor the full range of topics that arise in international law. Even a volume of this size cannot include every development, however, and the omission of a particular development should not be construed as meaning that it was not significant. Our committees work under extremely strict guidelines that limit the number of words that each committee has to roughly 7,000 words, including footnotes. Within these constraints, committee members contribute portions of articles that describe the most significant developments in that substantive practice area or geographic region. In some cases, non-section members who have particular knowledge or expertise in an area may also be contributing authors.

Committee chairs and committee editors solicited the contributing authors for each article. The heroic committee editors kept the collective contributions within our admittedly unreasonable word limits. They made difficult decisions on what to include, what to cut, and what to hope some other committee included. Committee editors are identified in each article. After the committee editors did their work, it went to an amazing team of Deputy Editors who reviewed articles as they were sent to us. Then we, as overall co-editors for this volume, reviewed the articles again before sending them to the brave student editors at the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Mai Tran was the Editor-in-Chief of *The International Lawyer* this year and Ben Stephens served as the Managing Editor. They supervised an outstanding editorial team whose individual names you can read in the masthead for this volume. These brave students checked the sources cited and reviewed each article line by line and word by word, fearing no corner of the Bluebook. Professor Beverly Caro Duréus served again this year as the Faculty Executive Editor for the Year in Review Volume, working closely with us

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and with the student editors. We also appreciate the support received from all of the Division Chairs and other leaders of the ABA Section of International Law.

Because of all the work that goes into producing this volume, the final product that you hold in your hands (or that you are viewing electronically) is a useful and reliable overview of international law events during the year 2014. Readers interested in a particular substantive or geographic area should read not only this year's summary, but also those from earlier years.

We work with a team of volunteer Deputy Editors from around the world. The Deputy Editors include a great many law professors who specialize in legal writing, international law, and topics related to foreign and international law. The ABA Section of International Law is blessed to have such a skilled, dedicated, and generous team of Deputy Editors, many of whom have now served for several years. We are now sometimes in the fortunate position of having more editors than articles. Here is the list of the Deputy Editors who worked on articles this year, with apologies to anyone omitted from the list. Together with the lists from previous years, we believe that we have the strongest editorial team of any journal in the world. We thank all of our committee editors named in the individual articles and our deputy editors named here for the generous contributions of their time and talent.

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On behalf of the readers and researchers who will use this volume in future years, we thank the hundreds of authors, committee editors, deputy editors, and law student editors whose collective efforts produced this volume and whose work over the years have created a reliable and useful record of international law developments. It has been an honor for each of us to work with you.

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