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**International Legal Developments Year in
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This publication, *International Legal Developments – Year in Review: 2017*, presents a survey of important legal and political developments in international law that occurred during 2017. The volume consists of articles from over forty committees of the American Bar Association Section of International Law, whose members live around the world and whose committees monitor and report on a diverse range of topics that have arisen in international law over the past year. Not every development in international law is included in this volume, so the omission of a particular development should not be construed as significant. The Section of International Law committees draft their articles under extremely strict guidelines that limit the number of words that each committee has to roughly 7,000 words, including footnotes. Within these guidelines, committee members contribute submissions that describe the most significant developments in their 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 committee article. The committee editors, who are identified in each article, had the daunting task of keeping their authors' collective contributions within the tightly controlled word limits. They made difficult decisions on what to include and what to cut. After the committee editors did their work, Professors Jason S. Palmer and Kimberly Y. W. Holst, the Co-General Editors, formatted and organized the over forty committee submissions and then transmitted the articles to an amazing team of Deputy Editors who performed substantive and technical reviews on the articles. Once the Deputy Editors completed their work and returned the articles, the Co-General Editors reviewed the articles again before sending them to the diligent student editors at the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Both Caitlin Wilkinson, the Editor-in-Chief of *The International Lawyer* this year, and Logan Weissler, the Managing Editor, performed superlatively in their respective roles. They supervised an outstanding editorial team whose individual names you can read in the masthead for this volume. These intrepid

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students checked the sources cited and reviewed each article line by line and word by word.

Professor Beverly Caro Duréus, who was invaluable to the publication of this volume, served again this year as the Faculty Executive Editor, and worked closely with the Co-General Editors and with the student editors. We also appreciate all of the support received from Nancy Stafford, the Publications Officer for the ABA Section of International Law, all of the Division Chairs, and the other leaders of the ABA Section of International Law. Because of all the work that goes into producing the *Year in Review*, the final product is a useful and reliable overview of international law events during 2017. Readers interested in a particular substantive or geographic area are encouraged to read not only this year's summary, but also those from earlier years.

The Co-General Editors work with an incredibly dedicated team of volunteer Deputy Editors from around the world. The Deputy Editors include 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 extremely fortunate to have such a skilled, dedicated, and generous team of Deputy Editors, many of whom have now served for several years. 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 to work with you.

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