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Introduction

This is the American Bar Association Section of International Law's thirteenth annual review of international legal developments. In preparing this volume, it has been the aim of the Section and the contributing authors to produce a broad review of the most important global legal developments of interest to the international lawyer. This volume is the largest to date. This year's review collects 45 reports from committees of the Section of International Law. The articles here were written by hundreds of authors from dozens of countries all over the world. As in prior years, the scope of the review is "international law" in its broadest sense, encompassing not only developments in public and private international law, but also comparative and regional developments across a wide range of specialized areas. Topic areas range from International Antitrust to International Litigation to International Arbitration to International Human Rights. There are also regional reports on significant legal developments throughout the world.

The annual review has come to hold a unique place in international legal writing, bringing together distinguished practitioners and scholars from around the world. It is a remarkable achievement and a splendid example of lawyers from around the world coming together to help educate the profession. It is also the work of literally hundreds of people.

First and foremost are the authors, who give their time and talent *pro bono publico* and without whom there would be no annual review. We thank the individual authors and the committee editors who organized a substantial number of contributions.

Second, we thank our Deputy Editors who reviewed the committee submissions and worked with articles to bring a cohesive style to the overall issue. Their contributions and their direct work with many of the committees helped make editing of the annual review a far more manageable (and sane) task than it ever has been before. (We had not previously used Deputy Editors but the experience this year has been tremendously positive. We invite readers interested in serving in such a capacity next year to apply to do so.) The following law professors and practitioners served as Deputy Editors for the 2008 Year in Review:

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Third, we extend our recognition and thanks to the hardworking student editors and staff at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Through their hard work and long hours, the individual sections that arrive from our many authors are transformed into a unified volume. In particular, Jessica Lee, Managing Editor of *The International Lawyer*, deserves special praise for her tremendous efforts in making this year's volume a reality, as does Beverly Duréus, on whose administrative skills the production of this volume depends so much.

Finally, if one of co-editor may be permitted to commend the efforts of the other, it would be to offer special praise to Professor Mark Wojcik for taking the laboring oar and piloting this project through to its successful completion. And if the other co-editor may be accorded the same privilege, he thanks Jansen Calamita for serving as editor of the year in review for the past two years, during which he raised the stature, quality, and visibility of the year in review. It is an enormous undertaking that Professor Calamita accomplished on his own during the previous two years.

The present volume represents a great deal of work from hundreds of persons around the world. We hope you find it useful and interesting.