

# International Legal Developments in Review: 2009

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The American Bar Association Section of International Law has offered its annual review of significant developments in international law now for fourteen years. Each year, this volume of *The International Lawyer* has been the culmination of a tremendous collaborative effort, with contributions from many Section committees, including an enormous number of individual contributors. This volume is the latest product of that effort, and proudly continues the fine tradition of service to the legal profession many years ago.

The authors and editors of this year-in-review aim to provide readers with a handy, one-volume resource. We attempt to cover the most significant developments in international law, including developments ranging from business, tax, and finance to international litigation and dispute resolution to a wide variety of public international law, comparative law, and human rights law issues. In all, forty-five committees of the Section of International Law are represented in this volume, offering readers access to information about most of the most important new treaties, statutes, cases, and other developments in international law in 2009. Together with past volumes, this provides a continuous record of enormous practical and scholarly value.

There are many people to thank for this work:

**Authors**—Every author whose name appears in this volume deserves great thanks, for these contributions collectively represent thousands of hours of dedicated and sophisticated work, all contributed *pro bono publico*. Without these efforts, there simply would be no annual review. Thank you.

**Committee Editors**—The committees this year worked under exceptional constraints. They were asked to produce articles of 7,000 words or less (including footnotes), summarizing the most significant developments in the substantive areas covered by each committee. We found it necessary to impose such a severe word count restriction because of rising production costs to print and mail the issue. We also wanted to decrease the amount of time needed to get this volume into your hands, so that the information here would be more timely and useful. We also wanted to hold down the size of the overall volume so that this Year in Review would be an issue that readers would stick in a briefcase

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to read rather than simply stick on a shelf. Our committee editors worked within the severe limits imposed upon them. We are tremendously grateful both for their cooperation and for the high quality of the final product.

Committee and Section Officers—The responsibility for organizing writing assignments, collecting and assembling the reports, and working with the editors fell to the leaders of the respective committees of the Section of International Law, many of whom also authored portions of the reports. Without the officers' willingness to take on these tasks, and to get the authors' work to the editors in a meaningful format and in a timely fashion, there would once again be no annual review. For their efforts in supporting the work of the authors and editors, the officers deserve an extra measure of appreciation this year. Thank you.

Deputy Editors—Each contribution to this volume was edited by members of the dedicated corps of deputy editors before going to this year's co-editors, a step introduced very successfully for last year's edition. These deputy editors all spent long hours, working under short deadlines, to complete their assignments. They offered their expertise in legal writing and editing, as well as immense experience in international legal subjects, as *pro bono public* volunteers. Here are the names of the twenty-six deputy editors who helped produce this year's international law year in review:

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We hope we have not forgotten anyone from this list. In addition to the names here, more than twenty additional law professors have already volunteered to help us with the 2010 year in review. We are very grateful for these generous offers of time and talent. Without the deputy editors, this volume could not have been produced in a timely manner. Thank you.

Editors and staff at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law—After both the deputy editors and the volume’s co-editors had done their work, the hardworking student editors and staff took over. Led by Missy Luton, the student Managing Editor of *The International Lawyer*, and faculty member Beverly Duréus, this SMU team transformed dozens of separate chapters into a unified volume, consistent in format and citation and ready for final publication. Their hard work, long hours, and consistent dedication to this project cannot be overstated.

This present volume indeed represents contributions from hundreds of persons around the world. We hope that you find it to be useful and interesting.

