

# International Legal Developments Year in Review: 2010

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This issue of *The International Lawyer* marks the fifteenth year that the American Bar Association Section of International Law has published an annual survey of significant developments in international and foreign law. The articles in this volume, as in previous years, are submitted by various committees of the section and represent tremendous contributions of time and talent from hundreds of individuals. The authors and editors hope to provide you with a handy, one-volume resource that covers the most significant developments during the past year, including developments ranging from international litigation, international arbitration, and international courts to a wide variety of public international law, comparative law, and human rights law issues. Together with past volumes, this issue provides you a continuous record of enormous practical and scholarly value.

Because of the size of this enormous undertaking, none of our committees had enough room to describe fully all of the important developments during the past year. The committees were asked to produce work under strict word count limits of 7,000 words (including footnotes), summarizing significant developments in only a few words. The omission of a certain event from a committee's report should not be construed to mean that a particular event last year was unimportant. The section imposes such a severe word count restriction because of rising production costs to print and mail this issue, to reduce the time necessary to edit and produce this issue, and to ensure that you would still be able to lift up the final printed issue when it arrived at your office. We want the issue to be one that you stick in your briefcase rather than stick on your shelf.

Our work as co-editors of this project was facilitated by a small army of deputy editors, committee editors, and law student editors. The committee editors, appointed by each committee, worked directly with the authors and spent many hours coordinating the articles for timely submission. They are thanked directly in each article, but we thank all of them again here for their contributions and assistance.

The twenty-three deputy editors did the first edits after articles were submitted for publication. They spent long hours under short deadlines to review the articles and prepare them for publication. They volunteered their expertise in legal writing and editing,

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