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International Legal Developments Year in Review: 2012

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This volume surveys political and legal developments in international law during the year 2012. It compiles reports from various committees of the American Bar Association Section of International Law. Yet even a volume of this size cannot include every development, 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 7000 words, including footnotes. Within these constraints, committee members write articles to describe the most significant developments in that area of law or geographic region. In some cases, non-section members who have particular knowledge or expertise in an area may also have contributed to the articles.

Committee chairs and committee editors solicited the contributing authors for each article. The heroic committee editors kept the collective contributions within our word count limits. An amazing team of Deputy Editors reviewed the articles as they were sent to us. Then we, as the overall editors for this volume, reviewed them again before sending them to the student editors at the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Tim Springer served as the Managing Editor this year and supervised an outstanding editorial team, whose names you can read in the masthead for this volume. They checked the sources cited and reviewed each article line by line and word by word. Beverly C. Duréus served again as the Faculty Executive Editor for the Year in Review volume. We also received substantial assistance from Professor William B.T. Mock of The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, who serves the ABA Section of International Law this year as its Publications Officer.

Because of all of 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 the international law events from 2012. Readers interested in a particular area of law are also encouraged to read not only this year's summary but also those from earlier

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years, which you can find in volumes of *The International Lawyer*. To help you find those earlier articles, the articles here include citations for the previous two years.

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