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Year in Review: 2013

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This volume surveys important political and legal developments in international law during the year 2013. It compiles reports from various committees of the American Bar Association Section of International Law, whose members span the globe. Even a volume of this size cannot include every development, however, 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 7,000 words, including footnotes. Within these constraints, committee members contribute portions of articles that describe the most significant developments in that 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 article. The heroic committee editors kept the collective contributions within our unreasonable word limits. They made difficult decisions on what to include, what to cut, and what to hope some other committee included. Committee editors are identified in each article. After the committee editors did their work, it went to an amazing team of Deputy Editors who reviewed articles as they were sent to us. Then, as overall editors for this volume, reviewed the articles again before sending them to the brave student editors at the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Kendal Payne served as the Managing Editor this year and supervised an outstanding editorial team whose names you can read in the masthead for this volume. There 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 Catherine M. Doll, the Publications Officer for the ABA Section of International Law.

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Because of all 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 international law events during the year 2013. Readers interested in a particular substantive or geographic area should read not only this year’s summary, but also those from earlier years.

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