

# ANNUAL REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS: 1995

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## Introduction

In this issue of *The International Lawyer*, we introduce a new feature—the Annual Review of Significant Developments in International Law. This feature has its origins in a longstanding and successful showcase program at the Section's annual Spring Meeting. This incarnation both reflects those origins and goes beyond them.

The traditional program has focused on judicial and arbitral decisions involving business, trade, and public international law issues. Several of the contributors to this issue—Charles Brower and Joseph Griffin—will be familiar to those readers who have attended past annual review programs. Their grasp of their respective subjects and their sure instinct for the issues of greatest importance to international lawyers make an investment of time in their product always worthwhile.

Our International Trade Committee—the Section's largest committee, and one of the most active—has produced, under the able direction of Judith Bello, an overview of trade issues, broken down into bilateral, regional, and multilateral categories. Hamilton Loeb, Janet Nuzum, and Claire Reade are active Trade Committee members and leaders who have participated in this project. Stephen McCaffrey, Deputy Vice-Chair in the Public International Law Division, has provided an overview of selected public law developments.

Eventually, we plan to cover the entire range of public, private, and comparative law topics addressed in the work of the Section. But any new venture has to start somewhere, and this mix seemed to us to be the rational starting point.

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Our goal is to provide information that is both insightful and useful to the practicing transnational lawyer and to serve others working in the field. We welcome your comments and suggestions for future issues, which should be sent to the ABA Section of International Law and Practice, 740 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, Attention: Annual Review Chair.

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