

# Introduction

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As I noted in the Editor's Preface to *International Legal Developments in Review: 1998*,<sup>1</sup> because of space limitations it was decided to defer publication of the foreign law contributions until the fall issue of *The International Lawyer*. The wait has been worth it. This year's foreign law contributions cover a great variety of significant developments from legal systems around the world.

Especially noteworthy is the substantial overview of "Vietnam's Legal Framework for Foreign Investments" by Pham Van Thuyet.<sup>2</sup> This is the first time that the Foreign Law issue has featured a contribution on Vietnam, and Pham Van Thuyet has provided an extensive road map to the intricacies of investing in a country that some predict will become a new "Asian Tiger."

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As always, I would be pleased to receive any comments and suggestions readers of this review may have. My mailing address is: Professor John F. Murphy, Villanova University School of Law, 299 North Spring Mill Road, Villanova, Pennsylvania 19083. My e-mail address is: Murphy@law.vill.edu. May you read this issue with pleasure and profit.

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1. Editor's Preface, 33 *Int'l Law* 227 (1999).

2. Pham Van Thuyet, Vietnam's Legal Framework for Foreign Investment, 33 *Int'l Law* 765 (1999).

