

COMMENTARIES

On the Restatement of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States (Revised)

Foreword

The forthcoming publication of the Restatement of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States (Revised) is an important event. Much has happened since the appearance of its predecessor in 1965, and the revision reflects these developments, both in its expanded scope and its treatment. Not all of the revision has been without controversy.

The expanded scope of the Revised Restatement is evident from the series of articles to be published in *The International Lawyer*, of which the first three follow in this issue. The series will include, in addition, articles on sovereign immunity, foreign sovereign compulsion, act of state, jurisdictional bases and conflicts, enforcement of judgments and awards, discovery, SEC provisions, international trade law, law of the sea, and sources of law.

The Revised Restatement will be important because American and foreign courts, negotiators from foreign governments, and international tribunals can be expected to cite it, having already cited drafts of it. I expect that these articles will also be important. Cumulatively, they may serve as a commentary on the Revised Restatement, and may serve to put its parts into context. When all the articles have been published, they will be combined into a book that may become, in effect, a companion to the Restatement.

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