

Foreword

The ABA Section of International Law and Practice notes with considerable pride that this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the inauguration of the Section's flagship publication, *The International Lawyer*, otherwise known affectionately within the Section as "*TIL*." From publication of its first volume in 1966, *TIL* has matured into a comprehensive publication offering to attorneys in the United States and abroad articles and other materials of the highest quality on a wide range of international law subjects, particularly those of interest to attorneys in private practice. *TIL*'s circulation to approximately 17,000 subscribers, including approximately 2,400 abroad in seventy-five countries, makes *TIL*, we are told, the world's most widely distributed international law periodical.

It is appropriate, first, to recognize the six individuals who have served as *TIL*'s editors-in-chief, and who, more than any others, are responsible for *TIL*'s high stature within the legal profession. Professor Joseph J. Norton is *TIL*'s sixth editor-in-chief, having assumed this responsibility in 1986. He was preceded by Clifford J. Hynning (1966–67); Eberhard P. Deutsch (1968–75); Alwin V. Freeman (1976–78); Francis S. Ruddy (1979–83); and Robert E. Lutz II (1984–86).

As editor-in-chief, Professor Norton oversees *TIL*'s Board of Professional Editors, most of whom are associated with the Southern Methodist University School of Law. Since 1986, *TIL*'s editorial offices have been located at SMU, and the support *TIL* has received from the SMU faculty and law student body are a significant factor in its success. The Board of Professional Editors is supported by *TIL*'s Professional Editorial Review Board, twelve lawyers from the United States and abroad who review selected articles from the standpoint of organization and substantive detail, and who work directly with authors to achieve the overall quality required of articles published in *TIL*.

Lastly, with the cooperation of SMU, *TIL* has a student editorial board drawn from highly qualified second- and third-year law students. These students greatly enhance the quality of published articles by checking endnotes and performing a

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detailed line edit of all articles. *TIL* also publishes one or two student comments each year, provided they meet the necessary high standards of *TIL*.

In recent years, the four to six regular leading articles in each issue of *TIL* have been augmented by a number of innovative features. By way of example, beginning in 1988, *TIL* has published a series of twelve commentaries on the Restatement (Third) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States, written by senior members of the international legal community. *TIL* has published articles drawn from symposia either directly organized by the Section, or closely associated with active Section members. The Summer 1987 issue (volume 21, number 3) featured six articles concerning "Legal Problems Affecting Multinational Corporations." The Spring 1989 issue (volume 23, number 1) contained four articles relating to "Japanese Law and Practice in Transnational Litigation."

On two occasions *TIL* has devoted an entire issue to individuals of unsurpassed international law stature. In 1989, *TIL* devoted the Winter issue (volume 23, number 4) to a Section tribute to Sir Joseph Gold. These essays, together with four others that appeared in the Fall issue, were republished by Verlag Recht und Wirtschaft of Heidelberg, Germany, as a hardcover *Festschrift for Sir Joseph Gold*. In 1990, *TIL* dedicated its Fall issue (volume 24, number 3) as a tribute to Louis B. Sohn. Dean Rusk wrote the introduction to the tribute, and the contributors included five members of *TIL*'s Board of Editorial Advisors. (A leatherbound copy of this issue was presented to Professor Sohn at the Section's 1991 Spring Meeting last April.)

Under current leadership, four new sections have been introduced to *TIL*. *TIL*'s Perspectives section is intended to complement articles of an essentially practical nature by including more reflective, historical or theoretical pieces. *TIL*'s Regional Developments reports are intended to alert readers on a regular (usually twice a year) basis to legal and legislative developments abroad, and *TIL* presently has regular contributors throughout the world. *TIL*'s newly developed Committee Insights highlights activities of committees of the Section. And *TIL*'s Section Recommendations and Reports memorializes the Section's official policy statements by publishing all Section recommendations and reports that have been adopted by the ABA House of Delegates.

In short, today *TIL* stands as a preeminent international law publication, one whose quality and vitality are manifest in each issue. We look forward to future issues of *TIL*, and we pledge our continued support of this most important Section publication.