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Hello. This is my first issue as editor-in-chief of *The International Lawyer*. To produce a quarterly law journal that reaches approximately 13,000 subscribers each issue is a big responsibility and an important opportunity. I am grateful to the Section Council for the appointment and challenged by the tasks involved. With Linn Williams of Washington, D.C., whom I recently designated my associate editor, there will be an editorial presence on both coasts, allowing us to look in various directions and with different perspectives at the many concerns affecting practicing international lawyers today. An advisory board will soon be formed and will expand our reach and, undoubtedly, our horizons.

Former editor-in-chief Frank Ruddy, who aided our smooth transition, is certainly a difficult act to follow. His several years at the helm leaves the journal as one of the outstanding journals on international law. I am confident that, with the assistance of the Section membership and with the production of relevant and quality journal issues of value to practicing lawyers, the reputation of *The International Lawyer* will continue to grow.

The materials submitted to the editor or those he is able to generate from others make a journal. I was fortunate to have a number of outstanding submissions and willing volunteers contribute to this issue. The reader should find a certain continuity of focus and style with prior journal issues; I also think this issue, my first, reflects some of my own aspirations for *The International Lawyer*. These include featuring article symposia addressing important areas of concern, publishing analyses of current developments, and producing bibliographies on specialized areas of international law not readily available to the practicing lawyer.

The emphasis will continue to be on publishing material dealing with practical issues facing lawyers engaged in an international practice. However, with the adoption by the ABA of its eighth and newest goal, advanc-

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ing the rule of law in the world, a new criterion is added to the journal's publication policy. Thus, submissions that address how that goal applies to *all* international legal relationships, i.e., nation-to-nation and transnational business relations as well as those of an individual with his government, are welcome.

Last, the publication of *The International Lawyer* demands the skills and energies of many persons. In the pressured atmosphere of meeting deadlines, these persons are not always thanked. At the risk of unintentionally omitting someone, I would like to express my appreciation to: the faculty, students and administrators of Southwestern University School of Law, and especially its dean, Leigh Taylor, without whose support and encouragement I could not have undertaken this assignment; Seta Mergeanian, for her untiring and skilled secretarial assistance; Ed Fox and Tom Bartlett, students in the class of 1985 at Southwestern, whose intelligent and able research assistance has been invaluable; and Margarita, my wife, and Ryan, my son, for their love.

I hope this issue pleases the reader. Guided by reader suggestions and contributions, *The International Lawyer* will have a bright future.