

## This Issue . . .

Few writing activities in recent days satisfy me as much as completing the editorial work on a new issue of *THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER*. Packing off an issue to the printer—especially with the quality and depth of this one—makes me feel the Journal is contributing in a subtle way to the development of transnational and international law. Although most of the work is written by others, the articles are solicited, selected and edited, guided by the editorial desire to both reflect international law practice and shape some of its future.

### Symposium

This issue may do just that. Starting with the Symposium on Contemporary Issues of International Trade Law, *Scott Lochner's* article on counter-trade and *Mike Sandler's* on United States trade remedies will undoubtedly remain within an arm's reach on bookshelves of practitioners, scholars and students both here and abroad for some time to come. Both articles address these two complex areas of international trade law development in a crisp, cogent fashion. They identify the many dimensions of these contemporary concerns and offer practical advice, as well as provide ample citations to sources enabling readers to examine their analyses.

### Articles

The adaptation and restructuring of legal systems in a number of Islamic countries have become a popular curiosity, and one about which United States lawyers know little even though this legal revolution may have significant future consequences. *Carey Gordon* introduces us to this world with his on-the-spot report and analysis of the developments in Sudan,

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where substantial changes have occurred and remain in effect despite the April 1985 coup. *Brian Nelson*, who has worked on our Section's analysis of the "waiver-by-conduct" approach to foreign securities transactions, provides a useful counterpoint to an earlier article published by this Journal by a major proponent of that approach. See 18 INT'L LAW. 89 (1984). He gives us a useful look at the possible foreign reception that the "waiver-by-conduct" might have by reviewing the reactions from a number of countries. Professor *Jim Nafziger*, a leading commentator on the international law of protecting cultural property, provides us with a concise description and analysis of the existing and emerging international criminal law framework governing this field. Professor *Jacob Dolinger* of Brazil follows with an interesting and well-documented review of Brazil's confirmation of foreign judgments. One quickly finds that what one sees in the statutes applicable to Brazilian confirmation of foreign judgments is not necessarily what one gets from the Brazilian judiciary.

### Short Articles, Comments and Casenotes

In this issue, THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER is pleased to recognize Professor Willis Reese as the 1985 recipient of the Theberge Private International Law Award. This award was made to Professor Reese in March of this year to honor his work with the State Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law and the Hague Conference on Private International Law. Professor Reese follows the report of this award with an article of his which comments on the Hague Conference and reveals some of his thoughts about the role the United States does and should play to advance the development of Private International Law. Former Deputy Secretary of State *Kenneth Dam* next examines some of the economic and political aspects of the extraterritorial extension of United States laws in a well-documented commentary.

Looking abroad to the legal developments in Switzerland affecting operations of foreign banks there, *Petru Buzescu* analyzes recent Swiss regulations and their implications. *Simona Pipko*, a recent immigrant from the Soviet Union, and *Al Pucciarelli*, an attorney and student of Soviet law, explain to us the organization and operation of Soviet internal security. We thought readers would find this brief description fascinating and revealing of a system quite different from our own. And *Howard Liebman* offers readers a supplement to an earlier article published in THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER on the Liechtenstein Anstalts (18 INT'L LAW. 929 (1984)), by explaining in detail the treatment of such tax havens under United States law.

### Current Developments

Continuing their fine series on import law and policy, *Alan Holmer* and *Judy Bello* interpret the significance of some recent dumping cases. *Daniel*

*Ferrere*, writing from Uruguay, explores the recent formation of the Latin American Integration Association and the functions it performs for Latin American foreign trade. *William Sharp* and *Betty Steele* analyze one strategy of the United States to deal with foreign bank secrecy; they describe the Exchange of Information Draft Agreement prescribed by the Caribbean Basin Initiative. *James Beardsley* from Paris provides a well-written examination of France's new Bankruptcy Law, which should prove quite useful to practitioners in this area, and *José Fernandez* concludes this section of the issue with an article about recent changes in Spain's Civil Procedure Law designed to streamline litigation.

### **Bibliography**

This issue welcomes back *Earl Weisbaum* and his regular series on current selected readings in Foreign and International Law, which continues to be one of the most popular features of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER. *Linda Whisman*, the Head Librarian at Southwestern University School of Law, prepared a helpful bibliography on countertrade, which should nicely supplement Scott Lochner's Symposium article.

### **Book Reviews**

We had a splendid response to a call from the Journal for reviewers of various books which may be of interest and value to the readership. Thus, this portion of the issue reflects the value of having members engaged in international practice examine the literature affecting their work. With the help of Associate Editor Dan Magraw and many Committee chairpersons of the Section, this issue inaugurates an expanded book review section and what is hoped will be a highlight of the Journal. For those interested in writing reviews in the future, please let us know. If you see a book you would like to review in the "Books Recently Received" feature of this issue or come across one you believe should be reviewed, write us a brief note indicating your background or special qualifications.

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With this issue, THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER hopes its readers had a pleasant summer. If you were on holiday during the summer, we hope you were found on some secluded beach in some distant land reading your paperback, pocket-size copy of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER. Incidentally, for your future travel, the Journal is easily packed into suitcase, purse or attaché case. Don't leave home without it!

Happy reading.

