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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIL's Issues and Features

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you to let you know how much I enjoyed the last several issues of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER. The articles, synopses and book reviews were all wonderful. I found in each issue at least two articles that I would like to use in my International Law class.

Michael J. Bazylar
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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your kind comments. We hope that the journal is as valuable to academics as it is to practitioners. That's a high order; but, then, our readership consists of demanding people!

I also might add that the journal frequently receives a variety of requests from scholars and practitioners for permission to reprint articles appearing in THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER. For your information, THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER is normally able to grant such permission. Please address such requests to me and include relevant details.

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Dear Editor:

I was pleased to see you are publishing a series on "U.S. Import Law and Policy." It is a subject that has not received the attention in legal literature its importance deserves.

Charles R. Johnston, Jr.
Bishop, Liberman, Cook,
Purcell & Reynolds
Washington, D.C.

Dear Charlie:

We instituted the series because we shared your feelings. We're pleased, as are many of our readers, that the series has worked out so well, thanks to the fine joint contributions by Alan Holmer and Judith Bello.

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Dear Editor:

I particularly appreciate the Bibliography listing of current books and articles—it is a good, quick source of information on particular research topics. The Bibliography could be improved, however, by the addition of short reviews (i.e., two or three paragraphs) of current law review articles, rather than the mere citation of those articles. Often a promising title will yield a less than useful article. I would be happy to volunteer to write short reviews of articles.

Philip D. W. Hodgen
Mihaly, Schuyler & Mitchell
Los Angeles, California

Dear Phil:

We've thought about your idea before, but given the journal's page limitation per issue, it is difficult to justify many more pages for this useful feature. Occasionally, however, when the subject matter merits it—as in this issue with the annotated bibliography on treaty sources—we are pleased to extend the size of the feature. Also, as previously indicated, we welcome reader submission of selected bibliographies on special, timely issues.

Thanks for your enticing offer of assistance; that's what we appreciate—ready, willing and able volunteers.

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Regional Arbitration Centers: A Suggestion

Dear Editor:

It occurs to me that readers of TIL might find useful an analysis of the several regional centers now available for arbitration of international commercial disputes. Some of these are fairly well known; others, particularly those outside of the United States and Western Europe, are not so well known. I have in mind, for example, the regional center in Cairo established under the auspices of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, and the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission, among others. Perhaps some reader who is familiar with international commercial arbitration might put together a short summary of the several facilities now available. My guess is that most practicing lawyers are not familiar with those centers that exist in Third World countries.

Professor Edward Gordon
Albany Law School
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Dear Ed:

I will publicize your suggestion via a Letter to the Editor. Perhaps a knowledgeable reader would like to prepare such a study. The journal would be happy to consider such a submission for publication.

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Dictionaries: Pro and Con

Dear Editor:

I realize that it is extremely difficult to translate, transliterate or transpose words and concepts from one legal system into another. In addition to the German dictionary reviewed in 18, No. 3 INT'L LAW 761-763 (1984), one can consider others. In my opinion, the overall best dictionary is a thin volume, "Legal Dictionary" by Hanns P. Kniepkamp (Oceana Publications, New York). It is not extensive but what there is, is good.

Stephen H. Frishauf
Frishauf, Holtz,
Goodman & Woodard
New York, New York

Dear Steve:

Your point is well taken about the difficulty of finding good foreign language legal dictionaries with consistently good definitions which reflect an understanding of the relevant legal systems involved. In my experience, the Dietl/Moss/Lorenz Dictionary has proven quite satisfactory.

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The Sale of Goods Convention

I read with interest the dissenting view by Professor Rosett in TIL, vol. 18, no. 2. . . . I have suggested the adoption of a state law for contracts for the international sales of goods by which parties who would or could lose the benefit of the convention because of identical nationality could choose this law if one of two conditions were met: (1) seller or buyer has a permanent establishment outside the U.S.A.; or (2) the origin, destination or place of transshipment of transformation of the goods is outside the U.S.A. The law would be optional (some contact to the state might be needed), and the aim

would be to provide a single system of law to cover goods sold to the seller or bought from the buyer in an international transaction.

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Dear Tom:

I will ask readers whether they would like to comment. Any comments, readers?

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