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This Issue marks the commencement of the 50th anniversary of *The International Lawyer*, the periodical that is widely perceived as the preeminent international journal in the world. Whether one is in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, London, Paris, Rome, Moscow, Tokyo, Shanghai, Bangkok, Sydney, Auckland, Johannesburg, Cairo, Tel Aviv or other significant locale, *The International Lawyer* is a steady presence promoting global understanding and the rule of law.

As the Editor-in-Chief of this excellent journal, I have the pleasure of working with the members of the Journal's internal and external advisory boards. The Journal's relationship with SMU has proved beneficial both to the Journal and the Law School. In this regard, I wish to thank certain former and current members of the SMU law faculty who have been instrumental to the Journal's success. In particular, I thank Professor Joseph J. Norton who served as an outstanding Editor-in-Chief of the Journal for many years, Professor Werner Ebke and Mr. Robert Rendell for their influential role in bringing the Journal to SMU, former Dean John B. Attanasio who served superbly as Co-Editor-in-Chief for well over a decade, Professor Peter Winship for his excellent service for several years as Editor-in-Chief, current Dean Jennifer Collins for her strong support of the Journal, and Dr. Beverly Caro Duréus and Ms. Patricia S. Heard who greatly contribute on a daily basis to the Journal's efficient operation.

Publishing significant and timely articles from both comparative and international law perspectives, the Journal serves as an important resource for both practicing lawyers and academicians. Through the decades, esteemed judges, attorneys, and professors have contributed insightful articles covering a broad spectrum of subject matters. In addition to these contributions, *The Year in Review* serves as a valuable survey of key global developments that impact dozens of diverse legal specialty areas.<sup>1</sup>

With some frequency, the Journal also publishes Symposium Issues that focus on critical topics impacting global relations. For example, in the aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Journal published a Symposium addressing

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1. See, e.g., *International Legal Developments Year in Review: 2014*, 49 INT'L LAW. (Spring 2015), which contained over three dozen articles covering such legal topics as: International Antitrust; International M&A; Privacy, E-Commerce and Data Security; International Arbitration; Corporate Social Responsibility; International Intellectual Property; Immigration; and Anti-Corruption.

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“Terrorism’s Burdens on Globalization.”<sup>2</sup> This Issue featured twelve articles analyzing significant and timely matters relating to globalized terrorism. Another Symposium Issue of the Journal examined “International Company and Securities Law.”<sup>3</sup> That Symposium contained fourteen articles from leading scholars and practitioners covering key corporate governance issues. As a third example, with contributions from eminent jurists and attorneys, the Journal enjoyed the distinction of publishing “The Rule of Law Papers.”<sup>4</sup> These Papers represent an impressive collection.

In the Preface to “The Rule of Law Papers,” Lord Hacking acknowledged the vital role that *The International Lawyer* and the ABA Section of International Law have in enhancing this paramount objective. As Lord Hacking recognized:

*The International Lawyer* is a particularly appropriate home for the publication of these distinguished papers on the rule of law. It is the flagship publication of the American Bar Association Section of International Law. Rule of law is a core competence of the Section . . . .<sup>5</sup>

With distinction, *The International Lawyer* over the past 50 years has played an instrumental role in the global understanding of important concepts, principles, and developments impacting comparative and international law. Being preeminent, the Journal continues to have influence and earn admiration among judges, practicing attorneys, and academicians. In the quest for maximizing economic development in a peaceful manner with respect for human dignity, *The International Lawyer* is a continual force promoting these goals.

I am honored to have served as the Journal’s Editor-in-Chief since the beginning of this century. I am proud of the meaningful contributions that this superb law school, the SMU Dedman School of Law, has made to this Journal. I thank my colleagues here at SMU as well as the Section’s and Journal’s leaders through the decades who have been essential to the success of *The International Lawyer*. I am confident that the Journal will remain as a premier influential resource enhancing global understanding and the rule of law.

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2. 36 INT’L LAW. No. 1 (Spring 2002).

3. 37 INT’L LAW. No. 1 (Spring 2003).

4. 43 INT’L LAW. No. 1 (Spring 2009).

5. Lord Hacking, *Preface*, 43 INT’L LAW. 3, 9 (2009).