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# International Law-

unlike most other areas of law, has no defined area or governing body, but instead refers to the many and varied laws, rules and customs which govern, impact and deal with the legal interactions between different nations, their governments, businesses and organizations, to include their rights and responsibilities in these dealings.

There are three main legal principles recognized in much of international law, which are not required, but are based chiefly on courtesy and respect:

*Principle of Comity* - in the instance where two nations share common public policy ideas, one of them submits to the laws and judicial decrees of the other.





*Act of State Doctrine* - respects that a nation is sovereign in its own territory and its official domestic actions may not be questioned by the judicial bodies of another country. It dissuades courts from deciding cases that would interfere with a country's foreign policy.

*Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity* - deals with actions brought in the court of one nation against another foreign nation and prevents the sovereign state from being tried in court without its consent. In the U.S., this is governed by the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) of 1976.



International law may further be broken down as *public* or *private*. Public International law covers the rules, laws and customs that govern and monitor the conduct and dealings between nations and/or their citizens.



The UN deals largely with public international law. Private International law (Conflict of laws) handles disputes between private citizens of different nations.



# Know Your Rights!

## Can Foreigners Buy Real Estate in the United States?

Unlike many countries that only allow land sales to those with citizenship in the country, the United States treats sales of real estate to foreigners almost the same as sales to citizens. The only limitations are usually imposed by homeowners associations, condominium associations, cooperatives, or other forms of community associations.



# How Does U.S. Law View Offshore Bank Accounts?

If you are considering keeping your money in a foreign bank account, it may not be as easy as it once was, nor provide as much protection from taxes as you may believe.



# What is International Law?



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International law is largely a misnomer, given that it primarily refers to a body of treaty agreements and their resulting rules, regulations, and practices, and not the codification of laws passed down by a centralized government or legislative body.

# When Does the Geneva Convention Apply?

The Geneva Conventions are rules that have been agreed upon by various member nations and apply usually to times of armed conflict.



The Conventions seek to protect people who are not (or are no longer) taking part in hostilities, including the sick and wounded, shipwrecked sailors, prisoners of war, and civilians.

# Articles About International Law Licensing Requirements of Dubai Lawyers

Since 2011, the Dubai government has required lawyers to be licensed by it in order to lawfully provide legal services. There are strict standards that a lawyer must meet in order to be licensed by the Dubai government.





# Can I Sue a Foreign Doctor for Malpractice in an American Court?

Medical tourism is on the rise for Americans. Many Americans seek the substantial savings they can obtain by getting various medical treatments, both necessary and elective, performed by doctors in other countries. But, what happens when something goes wrong? Can you sue a foreign doctor for malpractice in an American Court?

# Can a Lawyer Help with Extradition?

Extradition is the process in which one country or state that has possession of a criminal suspect hands him or her over to another country or state.



A lawyer may be able to help with this process by fighting extradition or by helping to facilitate it, according to the suspect's wishes and the governing law



# When Buying from Foreign Sources, What Can You Do if the Seller Does Not Send Your Product?

Buyers large and small have begun purchasing from foreign sources. Sites like [alibaba.com](http://alibaba.com) have revolutionized the international market for consumers, while the Internet in general has made it easier for companies to interface and conduct business with others around the world.

# Enforcing Child Support in US Courts When the Child Lives Overseas

In the modern, global world, it is not uncommon for people to migrate from one country to another. Unfortunately, doing so can complicate family issues, particularly after a divorce or when children are involved.







# When to Retain an Attorney for a Missing Child in California and for What Purposes

Each year, nearly 1.3 million children are reported missing. Fortunately, most missing children are returned home in a short period of time. In any missing child case, you must act quickly. The first 48 hours are crucial. You must move quickly and decisively. Rather than hiring an attorney to coordinate your search, save your resources. If later, you need advice on specific points of law, you may want to consider using a lawyer to advise you only in a limited role.

# Singapore The Island Nation with Global Significance



Singapore is a hub for international arbitration. Learn more about the city-state and what to do to prepare for an upcoming arbitration



# Does America Have to Follow International Laws?

Attorneys often experience a passionate client coming into their office and insisting that they have a case based on something they read about happening in another country. In other instances, people will invoke rights they believe they have under treaties or international agreements like the Geneva Convention. Thus, many wonder whether American courts must follow international laws?



# A Methodological Approach to Negotiating International Business Disputes

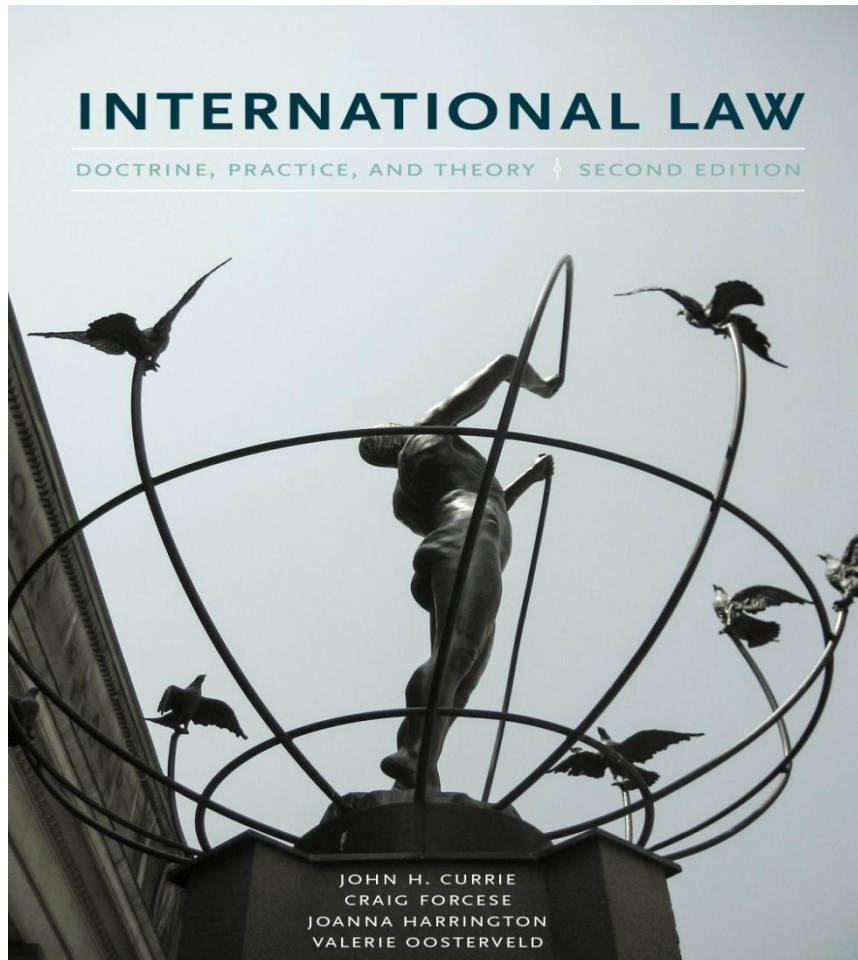
The United States government has declared increased exports are the path for financial recovery. In particular, the Small Business Administration declared exports are the principal method to buttress American small business. So, how do small businesses effectively negotiate in the international market?



# Scammed by Someone from Another Country, What are My Legal Options?

They are a routine part of our modern, online world: Internet scams are a daily annoyance for many. Often found in annoying emails, website popups, and other dark corners of the web, these digital scam artists seem to be everywhere today. And, with many of these scams operating overseas, it has left many to wonder what they can do if they fall victim to the tricks of someone from another country.

# All International Law Articles



Articles written by attorneys and experts worldwide discussing legal aspects related to International Law including: customs law, european community law, import and export, international investments, international trade, islamic law, offshore services.



# International Treaties

## Brussels Convention and Lugano Convention

The Brussels Convention and the Lugano Convention aim to "determine the international jurisdiction of their courts, to facilitate recognition and to introduce an expeditious procedure for securing the enforcement of judgments, authentic instruments and court settlements."

# GATT 1994

The Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations”, signed by ministers in Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 is 550 pages long and contains legal texts which spell out the results of the negotiations since the Round was launched in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in September 1986. In addition to the texts of the agreements, the Final Act also contains texts of Ministerial Decisions and Declarations which further clarify certain provisions of some of the agreements.





# Guide to Research on Vienna Convention on Consular Relations Notification Requirements

Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to which 170 nations are party, requires a nation arresting or detaining a foreign national to afford the detainee access to his or her consulate and to notify the foreign national of the right of consular access. In the number of U.S. cases involving foreign nationals, defendants have raised the issue of failure by the detaining authorities to make the necessary notifications.



# Hague Conference on Private International Law

Since 1893, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, a melting pot of different legal traditions, has developed and serviced Conventions which respond to global needs in the following areas: International Protection of Children, International Family and Family Property Relations, International Legal Co-operation and Litigation and International Commercial and Finance Law.



# Inter-American Specialized Conferences on Private International Law

Under the auspices of the Organization of American States, Inter-American Specialized Conferences on Private International Law (known by the Spanish Acronym as CIDIPs) play a central role in the harmonization and codification of Private International Law in the Western Hemisphere. Six Conferences have been held in various cities in the Americas.

# Multilaterals Project

The Multilaterals Project, begun in 1992, is an ongoing project at The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts to make available the texts of international multilateral conventions and other instruments. Although the project was initiated to improve public access to environmental agreements, the collection today also includes treaties in the fields of human rights, commerce and trade, laws of war and arms control, and other areas. Most of the texts date from 1945 or later, but the collection also includes historical texts, from the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia to the Covenant of the League of Nations.



# NATO - North Atlantic Treaty Organization

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is an alliance of 26 countries from North America and Europe committed to fulfilling the goals of the North America Treaty signed 4 April 1949.



# Researching Customary International Law, State Practice and the Pronouncements of States regarding International Law

This research guide is intended to be an introduction to the concept of international custom and its place as a source of international law. The primary focus is on researching state practice and the pronouncements of states regarding international law as evidence of custom.



# Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties

Signed at Vienna, 23 May 1969. Entry into force: 27 January 1980. It applies to treaties between States.



# Organizations for International Law Inter-American Development Bank

The IDB provides solutions to development challenges in 26 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, partnering with governments, companies and civil society organizations.





# International Bar Association

The International Bar Association (IBA), established in 1947, has a membership of 30,000 lawyers and 195 bar associations and law societies. The IBA has considerable expertise in providing assistance to the global legal community.



# International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) is the voice of world business championing the global economy as a force for economic growth, job creation and prosperity. Because national economies are now so closely interwoven, government decisions have far stronger international repercussions than in the past.



# International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Unidroit)

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Unidroit) is an independent intergovernmental Organisation with its seat in the Villa Aldobrandini in Rome. Its purpose is to study needs and methods for modernising, harmonising and co-ordinating private and in particular commercial law as between States and groups of States.



# International Law Institute

For fifty years the International Law Institute has worked to address the challenges faced by the international community by promoting economic development and rule of law.

# International Monetary Fund (IMF)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 185 countries, working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.

# US Obligations Under International Law

Nations are bound by treaties they choose to sign and fundamental principles that fall under the category of customary international law. There is no single world body that passes laws that are bind all the nations of the world. Thus, application of international law to the United States is not as clear cut as the application of domestic U.S. law.

# World Bank

The World Bank is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. We are not a bank in the common sense. We are made up of two unique development institutions owned by 185 member countries—the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA).



# Publications for International Law American University International Law Review

The American University International Law Review publishes articles, critical essays, comments, and casenotes on a wide variety of international law topics, including public and private international law, the law of international organizations, international trade law, international arbitration, and international human rights. AUILR also publishes pieces on topics of foreign and comparative law that are of particular interest to the international legal community.





# Chicago Journal of International Law

The University of Chicago Law School's Chicago Journal of International Law is an interdisciplinary forum for discussion and analysis of international law and policy issues. CJIL is committed to presenting timely and concise scholarly work. CJIL is published twice yearly.



# Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law

Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law is published each spring and fall. DJCIL is a very influential, specialized journal devoted exclusively to the issues of comparative and international law.

# European Journal of International Law

The European Journal of International Law is firmly established as one of the world's leading journals in its field. With its distinctive combination of theoretical and practical approaches to the issues of international law, the journal offers readers a unique opportunity to stay in touch with the latest developments in this rapidly evolving area.

# Foreign and International Law - Library of Congress

Researching foreign, international, and comparative law can be an intimidating proposition. There is such a vast amount of material available. In order to help provide a starting point for researching foreign, international, and comparative law, the Law Library of Congress has prepared a guide to reference sources, compilations, citations guides, periodicals (indexes and databases), dictionaries, web resources, free public web sites, subscription-based services, subject-specific web sites, and country overviews.



# Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies

The Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies is a faculty-edited interdisciplinary journal focusing on the intersections of global and domestic legal regimes, markets, politics, technologies, and cultures. Students are also integrally involved in the production of the Journal.

# Penn State International Law Review

Established in 1982, the Penn State International Law Review is celebrating twenty-five years of excellence during 2006 — 2007. Originally, the Dickinson Journal of International Law, the ILR was Pennsylvania's first internationally focused student-edited law journal. Today, the Penn State International Law Review serves as an integral component for Penn State Law's highly respected international legal program. As one of the most respected and cited International legal periodicals in the world, the ILR publishes articles on public and private international law written by leading government (domestic and foreign) officials, legal scholars, private practitioners, and law students.



# Stanford Journal of International Law

Founded in 1966, the Stanford Journal of International Law

is one of the oldest and most reputed international law journals in the United States. Publishing two regular issues each year, the journal seeks to promote scholarship of the highest quality through timely, innovative, and important pieces on international and comparative legal topics. The journal invites contributions from professors, practitioners, legislators, judges, and Stanford Law School students.

# Touro International Law Review

The Touro International Law Review is a student-run and faculty-and-alumni-advised publication. Originally founded in 1989 as a print publication, it is now available solely online in order to meet its new mission to provide a forum for timely and engaging discourse in important international law issues.



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