

Dear Members:

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter of the International Law Section. The goal of the newsletter is to keep members up to date on upcoming events, past events, recent international law developments, and spotlight our practitioners. If you are interested in being profiled or submitting an article please contact communication chairs Stephanie Macuiba or Anthony Seto, stephanie@macuibalaw.com and asetolaw@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 1, 2016:** Resolving International Commercial Disputes at the L.A. Hotel Downtown
- **December 8, 2016:** International Law Round Table Meeting at LACBA offices 1055 W 7th #2700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Come join a discussion focused on section plans, the purpose of being a member, recommendations for future events, and generally getting to know members and their practice areas. Refreshments will be provided.
- **December 13, 2016:** International Law Section Holiday Party – Location TBA
- **January 19, 2017:** Past Chairs Mixer at 6 pm at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP, 333 South Hope Street, 43rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071-1422. Get to know past chairs of the section as well as current members.
- **January 28, 2017:** Chinese New Year Event – Details TBA
- **March 17, 2017:** Joint USC/LACBA International Arbitration Conference.
- **Spring 2017:** Argentina/Uruguay Trip

PAST EVENTS

- **May 17, 2016:** New Admittees Mixer at LACBA offices 1055 W 7th St #2700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.



- **June 14, 2016:** End of Year Dinner at Cafe Santorini in Pasadena. The Section celebrated another successful bar year and introduced the newly elected officers of the 2016-2017 Executive Committee.
- **September 14, 2016:** the Section co-sponsored “An Update on the Trans-Pacific Partnership” at the LA Area Chamber of Commerce. U.S. Trade Representative Luis Jimenez was featured as a keynote speaker.
- **November 4, 2016:** an all-day conference titled “Transnational Law Summit: International Law in the 21st Century” was held at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel. California State Treasurer John Chiang was luncheon keynote speaker.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to former Executive Committee member Myanna Dellinger for winning a Fulbright Scholarship. Professor Dellinger teaches international and commercial law at University of South Dakota School of Law. She has visited 35 countries and this year finished a summer teaching in China. We interviewed her about her Fulbright Scholarship:

Congratulations on winning a Fulbright Scholarship. Can you tell us where your Fulbright has taken you and what you will be doing there?

I am in Potsdam, Germany, with the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, see <http://www.iass-potsdam.de/de/institute-advanced-sustainability-studies>.

I will be giving a presentation on the American energy and climate change policies after the Trump election. In doing so, I will be focusing on both federal policies, but also state law and policies such as those in California. The world is worried about what may happen to the new climate change agreement (“the Paris Agreement”) under a new administration, but is at the same time excited about the steps taken in California as our state stands out in positive ways abroad.

I will additionally be creating contacts to other researchers focusing on international climate change law and policy. My next research project might focus on climate refugees and how the law can provide better protections for such a group of people in the future. I will be learning from people here about what they see as the big international law and policy issues marking world rhetorics even as US focus on international affairs seems to be shrinking.

Finally, I will be conducting a series of podcast interviews on the issues with which the researchers here work such as water and sustainable development, climate geoengineering, and public participation in government decision-making.

Readers can listen to the podcast interviews on the Global Energy and Environmental Law Podcast, <http://theglobalenergyandenvironmentallaw.podbean.com/>.

It's often said that California stands out from the rest of the United States, but I'm surprised to hear that applies internationally in regards to climate change policy as well. In what ways does California stand out abroad?

In short: Because of AB 32 and the *early* point at which that was adopted - much earlier than when the rest of the nation woke up (briefly)... Don't quote me on the latter, just the former.

Also: especially stringent car emissions standard and the famously worldly view on things in general.

For our readers, AB 32 is a California bill that passed in 2006 which requires the state to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. What inspired you to transition into international environmental law? Were you always interested in the area?

I have always been very "outdoorsy." As a little girl, I would ride bikes and horses when others would play with dolls. I've always gotten a lot of joy out of the great outdoors both when I lived in Europe and especially after moving to the American Southwest with all its great and diverse natural beauty. I chose to go to law school as I wanted to work with environmental law. Little did I know that I would become a law professor, but once I did, it became very natural for me to combine my interest in environmental affairs with my international background and research in that area. I am very pleased that I have also been asked to teach classes in public international law and international human rights, which also feature a great interface to environmental law in our highly globalized world.

What are your impressions so far about Potsdam?

I am always very fond of visiting Western Europe. To me, the elegance and beauty here is unsurpassed in most other parts of the world. The Berlin suburb of Potsdam has an exceptionally large amount of grand, stately, older buildings and is now quite the upscale, sought-after neighborhood to be. This is interesting because it was actually part of East Germany before! Luckily, not too much Soviet-era construction took place here and the old buildings have been taken very good care of, so it's just a very beautiful area in which to work. Of course, it goes without mentioning that the chocolate here is excellent as well, but that's true throughout Germany!

Any tips for aspiring Fulbright applicants?

I have several. First, start looking into the application procedures very early. It is a highly complex, rule-driven system with many strict deadlines. One's resume has to be written to highly exacting and rather cumbersome standards. Take that very seriously as otherwise, that could become an easy reason for rejection. Also, find a mentor or other partner that can help write the mission and goal statements, etc. There are norms and conventions that should be



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followed in that respect. Perhaps most importantly: be proactive! Make connections overseas that may be interested in hosting you. I and others did not wait for the chance to come to us, we contacted institutions overseas to have them work on instigating a visit from their end. This is crucial and can take time, so cultivate relationships early on and think about what *you* can give to *them* rather than on what you can get out of the situation yourself.

JOURNAL PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

The *Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review* is soliciting articles for its May 2017 and August 2017 issues. This is a great opportunity to submit an unpublished article for consideration. Contact Anthony Seto at asetolaw@gmail.com.