

### Dear members:

Thank you for taking the time to read the bi-monthly 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. We look forward to another productive year. If you are interested in being profiled or submitting an article please contact communication chairs Stephanie Macuiba or Grace Du, [smacuiba@la-lawcenter.com](mailto:smacuiba@la-lawcenter.com) and [grace.du@arentfox.com](mailto:grace.du@arentfox.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Joint legal program with the Port of Los Angeles: 3rd Quarter Program focused on Malaysia and Indonesia, **October 16, 2015, 8:30-3:30pm** (breakfast and lunch included). The event is complimentary and will be hosted at the LA Chamber of Commerce. The 1st Quarter 2016 program will be South America and the Middle East.
- **November 16-17, 2015:** Delegation to ABA 2015 Asia Forum in Beijing. Contact Ismael if you are interested in attending.
- **December 2015:** Each year our section hosts a great holiday party at a local venue. This year we have a few venues in mind, all of which offer great views! Stay posted for specifics.
- **January 20, 2016:** Telephonic Copyright Lecture with Montreal Bar Association. CLE credit will be available. Updates to be sent out via listserv.
- **May 6, 2016:** Our section will once again host the popular International Arbitration Conference.

### PAST EVENTS

- On **September 16, 2015**, the Section hosted the Finnish Consul General for a Luncheon at the Palm Restaurant in Downtown Los Angeles.



- **August 11, 2015:** In partnerships with Port of Los Angeles and the Asian American Economic Development Association, LACBA assisted in presenting the Trade Connect workshop. We look forward to continued future region specific trade events.
- **Executive Committee Retreat:** In July the section held the annual Executive Committee retreat in the Santa Ynez Valley. The committee brainstormed on upcoming events for

the year and the direction of the section. We are looking forward to a successful year with active members.



### **INTERNATIONAL LAW UPDATES**

#### *Bennett v. Bank Melli, Ninth Circuit*

A national bank of Iran, a state sponsor of terrorism, was not entitled to immunity from enforcement of judgments entered against the state on behalf of terrorism victims, who sought access to blocked assets of the state held by other parties but owed to the bank. The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act and 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1610(g) abrogate the asset immunity of all of a terrorist state's instrumentalities, including those that are not alter egos of the state. Assets "owed to" bank were "owned" by it for purposes of the TRIA and Sec. 1610(g) because California debtor-creditor law controls.

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