

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 to spotlight our practitioners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Executive Committee is busy planning events for the 2018-2019 bar year. Keep a lookout for email announcements about the following events:

- **Fall/Winter 2018:** The return of consul general luncheons and MCLE events.
- **December 2018:** Annual Section Holiday Dinner.
- **January 2018:** Past Chair’s Mixer.
- **March 12, 2018:** USC International Arbitration Conference

PAST EVENTS

- **June 26, 2018:** End-of-the-Year Dinner at El Cholo, downtown Los Angeles. Members celebrated the end of another successful bar year and were introduced to the new Executive Committee.
- **July 22, 2018:** Executive Committee Officer Retreat in Buellton, CA.
- **August 7, 2018:** “U.S.-China Trade Relations: Is a Trade War Inevitable?” panel took place at the Law Offices of Kessal, Young & Logan in Long Beach.

ARTICLES

New Section Officers for 2018-2019 Bar Year

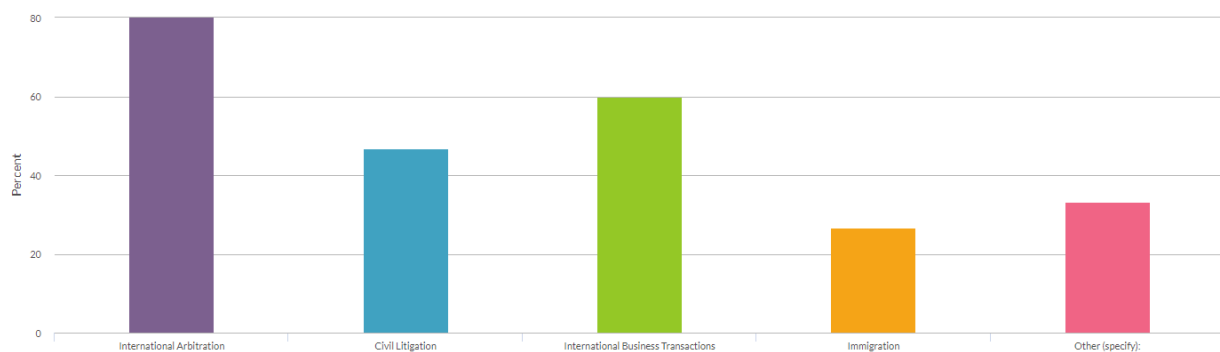


The Section welcomes its new officers for the 2018-2019 bar year:

- Jesus Arias, Chair
- Olha Datsko, First Vice Chair
- Anthony Seto, Second Vice Chair

Chair Jesus Arias addressed the membership in a September 18, 2018 letter inviting members to provide input in a short survey.

Member Survey Results



On September 18, 2018, section members were invited to take a survey to help the Executive Committee better serve the membership. The results are in:

- While 80% of participants showed a preference for international arbitration, a fair number of participants expressed interest in international family law issues.
- A third of participants are located in downtown Los Angeles.
- 100% of participants indicated an interest in MCLE programs.
- While 73% of participants indicated an interest in weekday evening events, 53% of participants said they would be available for weekday lunch events as well.

Section Administrator Braden Denherder Stepping Down



Section Administrator Braden Denherder announced that he had accepted a position at Nike, Inc. and would be stepping down from LACBA on September 28, 2018. The Section wishes him the best of luck at his new position and thanks him for his hard work and dedication in ensuring the continual success of the Section.

Former section administrator Cecilia Gomez will be taking his place as the Section's administrator.

State of the Bar Address Announces New Opportunities



On October 15, 2018, LACBA leadership addressed the executive committees of LACBA's sections and announced that sweeping new changes were being made to LACBA. Among those new changes were greater section autonomy, streamlining in staffing, sublease of extra floor space at LACBA's offices, a new LACBA app, and exciting new events and activities. In an effort to grow LACBA, the sections have made a commitment to increase their respective memberships by 15%. The Section invites members to help with outreach to meet this goal.