

Preface

Careers in International Law is now in its fourth edition and has been a perennial best seller for the American Bar Association. With legal jobs becoming more difficult to obtain and keep, I suspect that this book will remain a best seller for both law students and lawyers who are interested in finding, maintaining, or moving into a career in international law.

As you will discover, irrespective of your age, experience, nationality, residence, education, or practice area, this new edition covers more ground than the last edition. It is also inspiring, and, yes, exciting—a real page-turner for those readers who are interested in what types of career possibilities are out there in this ever-changing world of international law. Despite the challenge of securing a legal position during this economic downturn, the book provides new insight into how to use your imagination, creativity, and savvy to find that elusive job in the field of international law. It also will give you an idea of the scope of possibilities in such diverse specialties as litigation, trade, corporate, transactional, banking, financial, and maritime law, as well as positions in teaching, going in-house, and pro bono work.

The authors provide dynamic tips and strategies, as well as new perspectives and methodology, for succeeding as an international lawyer. They present many different types of careers: some are judges and professors; retired and practicing attorneys; partners with large, small, and solo firms; as well as freelance volunteers and consultants. All the authors live and practice in many different countries and work in many different languages. In this new edition, we have all shared what we believe to be helpful advice and hindsight and indispensable, yet totally diverse, advice on how to reach your goals in the vast field of international law. In addition, the authors share their analyses of how the financial crisis has changed their practice, while others have gone on to second and third careers after retiring from one profession and moving on to another one.

When I approached the task of editing this fourth edition, I thought it would be an easy one—recruiting several new authors and making certain our loyal authors would update their thoughts and insights. Yet,

as with each new edition, I learned that turning ideas into print is always a challenge as well as a pleasure. It is similar to practicing international law: You need to be persuasive, not overbearing, persistent yet diplomatic, and always be creative (with a dollop of pragmatism).

As editor of this new edition, I would like to extend special thanks to our new authors for bearing with my edits and suggestions; our stalwart crew from the second and third editions for their patience and loyalty; and to Rick Paszkiet, Director of ABA Entity Book Content Publishing of the American Bar Association. Without Rick's support, suggestions, and good humor, you would not be reading this Preface today.

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