



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Who are we?

- We are over **20,000 members** in over **100 countries!**
 - **More than 25% are in private practice covering a broad range of areas, including:** business law, litigation, antitrust, intellectual property, and energy.
 - 6% are Corporate Counsel
 - 2% are Government Lawyers
 - 3% are Academics –
- **You don't have to be a U.S. lawyer to be a member of the Section!**
 - 18% of members are non – U.S. qualified lawyers
 - 20% of members are U.S. qualified lawyers practicing abroad

Where are we?

- **U.S. lawyers in the U.S. (top 5):** Washington, D.C., New York, California, Florida, and Texas
- **U.S. lawyers abroad (top 5):** United Kingdom, France, Japan, Germany, and Switzerland
- **Non-U.S. lawyer abroad (top 5):** Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, Brazil, and Switzerland

What do we do?

We serve our members, the legal profession and the public through:

- **Legal Education (including CLE credit):** seasonal meetings, regional forums, committee programs, and teleconferences (e.g., the Section's four-day in-person annual Spring and Fall Meetings, the annual "Live from the SEC" program, and in-person Committee programming such as the Live From L annual program)
- Leadership Retreat: the Section always keeps an eye on the future and invests heavily in leadership. The Annual Leadership Retreat gathers current and potential leaders to focus on strategic initiatives, including diversity, programming, and social media communications.
- **Member Publications:**
 - *The International Lawyer*, a widely-circulated law review/law journal on international law in the world;
 - the *International Law News*, a quarterly magazine; and
 - Committee newsletters including those related to International Human Rights, Latin America/Caribbean, Asia/Pacific and International Family Law
- **Best-Selling Publications** on international practice issues;
- Over **60 substantive committees in 12 divisions**, with active listservs that facilitate the exchange of information among experts. We cover it all, from private equity to the environment, animal rights to financial services.
- **ABA United Nations Development Program International Legal Resource Center**
- **International Outreach to the Global Legal Community:**
 - Through our International Legal Exchange (ILEX) trips, since 1982 we have sent delegations to over 50 countries, including, Turkey, Cuba, Myanmar, and Rwanda.
 - Annual ABA Day at the United Nations
 - Section Leaders represent the Section across the globe at the annual meetings of several foreign and international bar association.
- **Interaction with the U.S. Government:**
 - Bi-annual dinner of General Counsels of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies and international organizations
 - Several State Department lawyers are existing and past members of the Section's Council
- **Policy Development and Advocacy**
 - The Section initiates and supports numerous reports and recommendations that create official ABA policy (e.g., endorsing the UN *Protect, Respect and Remedy* human rights framework, encouraging courts to respect

the data protection laws of sovereign countries, opposing laws that prohibit the use of foreign law by domestic courts)

- Blanket Authority Comments

- **Diversity**
 - Diversity Website that has links to diversity related legal organizations and diversity news
 - Requirement for all panels at the Section's Seasonal meetings to have gender and overall diversity
 - Diversity Fellowship Program that provides a pipeline for diverse attorneys to become Section leaders
 - Committees focused on diverse groups including women, LGBT, seniors, students and young lawyers

- **Student Headquarters**
 - The Section's branded Pathways to Employment in International Law program to expand the career options for law students and experienced practitioners alike is held across the country and the world.
 - The Section provides a vast array of free resources for law students related to jobs, internships, scholarships, and publication opportunities.