

International Section Newsletter 2020

Section Meeting

WHEN:

Monday, August 3, 2020, 3:00-3:50 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

Welcome and Updates
Keynote Speaker
Officer Elections

Ralph Bunche Best International Paper Award Finalists Session

WHEN:

Monday, August 3, 2020, 3:50-4:55 PM (following the Section Meeting)

Dear ALSB Members:

All ALSB members attending this year's Annual Conference are encouraged to join the International Section. At the conference (for the first time ever online), please join us for a discussion with our illustrious keynote speaker, Lee Buchheit (bio below) and stay for presentations by the finalists for the ALSB's Ralph Bunche Best International Paper Award.

If you are presenting a paper on international or comparative business law, please consider submitting for the Bunche Award (information on next page). And please consider running for Section office for this coming year – if interested in serving, contact Stephen Park (stephen.park@uconn.edu). See you online!

Stephen Park, President (University of Connecticut)
Kevin Fandl, Vice President (Temple University)
Colleen Baker, Secretary (University of Oklahoma)



Keynote Speaker: Lee Buchheit

“The State of the Sovereign Debt Restructuring Art”



Lee C. Buchheit retired last year after a 43 year career in private legal practice. For much of his career Mr. Buchheit specialized in sovereign debt management projects and has worked on over two dozen sovereign debt restructurings. Mr. Buchheit led the international legal teams advising the Hellenic Republic (2011-12) and the Republic of Iraq (2005-08) in their debt restructurings, the two largest sovereign debt workouts in history. He is currently serving as strategic adviser to the Interim Government of Venezuela led by President Juan Guaido on debt matters. Mr. Buchheit is the author of two books in the field of international law and over 40 scholarly papers on sovereign debt matters. He serves as an Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh Law School and as a Non-Resident Fellow at Columbia Law School.

“The world’s leading expert in sovereign debt” – FT

“Some lawyers make partner; some reach the top of their field. Few can claim to have shaped a practice area from the bottom up.” – IFLR

“He’s like Sherlock Holmes to everyone’s Dr. Watson” – Bloomberg

Ralph Bunche Best International Paper Award

Purpose and Frequency

The Ralph Bunche Award for Outstanding International Paper recognizes outstanding current and unpublished scholarship on international business law issues. This award may be given annually. The presentation of the award shall be made during the International Section's meeting at the annual conference of the ALSB or at another time and location as best determined by the ALSB President Elect/Conference Chair and the leadership of the International Section.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, at least one author must be an ALSB member in good standing and present the paper at the annual conference. At least one author must also be a member of the International Section and attend the International Section's meeting at the annual conference. Papers may not have been published or accepted for publication by the time of submission for this award or presented at a prior annual conference (unless previously presented as a Development Track paper). Current officers of the International Section are ineligible for this award.

Criteria

Eligible papers will be judged on their scholarly contribution, research quality, topic interest, writing quality, and readiness for distribution/publication.

Papers must take an international or comparative approach to address a business law issue, including, but not limited to, an assessment of foreign law or regulations, examination of international law or legal theory, and analysis of international judicial or tribunal decisions or U.S. judicial decisions addressing international law. Submissions focused exclusively or primarily on U.S. domestic legal matters are not eligible for this award.

Selection Process

Authors must adhere to the following submission guidelines for their papers to be considered for the Award:

- Papers must be submitted electronically in conformity with instructions and deadline set forth in the ALSB Winter and Spring Newsletters; and
- Submissions must contain a separately attached cover page indicating the author's name, position, school affiliation, and e-mail address as well as clearly state the award for which the paper is being submitted. This page will be removed for purposes of ensuring blind review.

The selection committee, comprised of the International Section officers (or their designees), will conduct a blind peer review of all eligible papers. The selection committee will select up to three papers as finalists. The finalists will be invited to present their papers in a designated paper session at the annual conference, and it is expected that finalists will present their papers in this session. In the event that a finalist is unable to present the paper at the annual conference, the International Section officers reserve the right to reject the submission and, if appropriate, select a replacement finalist.