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Preface

I am pleased to provide this brief introduction to *The Transnational Lawyer*—the most recent institutional contribution by the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, to the literature of the law. This premier issue represents McGeorge's continuing commitment to participate in shaping the evolution of private international law and its practice.

The Transnational Lawyer is uniquely tailored to the needs of the transnational practitioner and, drawing upon the strength of McGeorge's comprehensive international curriculum, will fulfill a special practice-oriented role among international journals. The Journal's practical scholarship is particularly timely in view of the quickening pace of international commerce and trade.

Issues are now arising that could hardly have been anticipated as recently as a decade ago. The globalization of commerce has raised a myriad of complex and diverse legal issues. As disputes arise, appropriate avenues for both private and public resolution must be fashioned. Creative analytical mechanisms for international business planning must be designed to protect and enhance both private enterprise and the world economy, and the fluid roles of political states in various kinds of commercial transactions examined and analyzed. A virtually limitless spectrum of other issues seem certain to challenge the international legal community for decades to come.

McGeorge School of Law has been an active participant in the private international legal community for well over a decade, conducting academic programs and post-graduate internships abroad since 1974. International programs are offered on the Sacramento campus as well as in Austria, England, Hungary, and Scotland. The School of Law offers the Diploma in Advanced International Legal Studies and the Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree in Business and Taxation—Transnational Practice. McGeorge also hosts annual conferences in Salzburg and Waidring, Austria on different aspects of

transnational law practice, attracting practitioners and jurists from several continents.

The Sacramento campus provides a wide range of elective courses and activities in the international field. An exceptional international moot court program, including annual participation in the Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court competition, complements elective offerings. In addition, an active student International Law Society sponsors programs engaging foreign guest speakers and visiting professors on a regular basis.

UOP-McGeorge School of Law provides, then, the ideal setting for *The Transnational Lawyer*, which reciprocally complements the international programs of McGeorge. We appreciate your interest and support, and shall endeavor to do all that is possible to provide commentary and articles of interest and value to all participants in the international legal community.

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