

# Message from the New Section Chair

## Welcome to the *International Law Practicum* and *Chapter News*!



We encourage all of our chapters to provide news of the latest legal developments in your home jurisdictions, whether they are cases, new legislation, programs or practice tips. Please feel free to make your submissions directly to our editor, Torsten Kracht, at [tkracht@hunton.com](mailto:tkracht@hunton.com).

In 2018, the Section held its Seasonal Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Many thanks to the Conference Co-Chairs, Mark Rosenberg of Sullivan & Cromwell and Stephanie Lapierre of Strikeman Elliott, for an amazing conference with an impressive line-up of speakers (including Sophia the Robot) and a dazzling array of social activities, resulting in an extremely well-attended and financially successful conference. Mark and Stephanie were ably assisted by members of the Steering Committee, including Andre Durocher of Fasken (our new Chair of the Quebec Chapter) and others on the Montreal Steering Committee, as well as Corey Omer of Sullivan & Cromwell, Jay Himes of Labaton Sucharow, Jay Safer of Wollmuth, Maher & Deutsch, Neil Quartaro of Watson Farley & Williams, Diane O'Connell of PriceWaterhouse Coopers, Nancy Thevenin of Thevenin Arbitration & ADR and others on the New York Steering Committee.

Thank you also to everyone who was able to make it to the Montreal Seasonal Meeting and to those who sent delegates. It was a wonderful meeting, as reflected in the wonderful pictures found elsewhere in the *Practicum*.

Below is information about some upcoming events:

- Monday, January 14, 2019—Annual Meeting, including special presentations to Ruby Asturias and the late Lauren Rachlin for their work on behalf of the LAC Ethical Guidelines, which have been endorsed by the entire NYSBA, as well as to Justice Charles Ramos for his lifetime achievements as a Justice of the New York Supreme Court, including the special role he has played in its Commercial Division. Also, the winner of this year's Albert S. Pergram International Law Writing Competition will be announced. There will be two outstanding CLE programs on data privacy and diversity in

the profession, as well as a pre-meeting dinner on Sunday, January 13, 2019 for members of the EC. The annual meeting is being ably chaired by Jay Himes, who has assembled a team of outstanding speakers for the CLE programs.

- Wednesday, February 13, 2019—Florida Chapter Event in Miami co-chaired by Constantine Economides, Esperanza Segarra, Thomas Verhoeven, Jay Himes of Labaton Sucharow and Mark Bloom of Greenberg Traurig. The program will feature five law clerks from New York and Miami on a panel called "Try Your Case, Not Your Judge's Patience," offering invaluable practice tips from those in the know. Afterwards, Greenberg Traurig will be hosting a cocktail reception in its Miami office.
- Thursday, March 21, 2019—Inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Texas Chapter in the Houston office of Locke Lord under the able leadership of Texas Chapter Chair David Harrell. David is lining up a fascinating program on the latest NAFTA agreement. Stay tuned for further details.
- Monday and Tuesday, May 5-6, 2019—Regional Meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, being organized by Conference Co-Chairs Carl-Olof Bouveng of Cirio Advokatbyrå and Peter Utterström of Stockholm and Gonzalo Zeballos of Baker Hostetler in New York. The meeting will focus on the life cycle of a start-up company and will feature educational programs in one of Stockholm's unique incubators, as well as a gala dinner in the recently renovated and reopened National Museum.

Of course, many more exciting programs are being planned, including our NYCIR Symposium in April, Global Law Week in June and our seasonal meeting in Tokyo next November. Further details will appear in the next edition of the *Practicum*.

Our Rapid Response Committee, under the stewardship of Jonathan Armstrong and David Miranda, has assisted NYSBA President Michael Miller send letters of solidarity and support to members of the Philippines Bar Association and Polish Bar Association after crackdowns and threats to the rule of law in each of those countries.

As noted last year, we have separated the *Practicum* from the *Chapter News*; and we are now experimenting with their dissemination electronically every few months. Our editor, Torsten Kracht, seeks submissions of interest to our members and continues to seek additional volun-

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# Message from the Editor

By Torsten Kracht



## Dear Friends and Readers:

Welcome to Vol. 31, No. 2 of the *International Law Practicum* and thank you for all of the support and feedback we received for the last edition that focused on blockchain technology and cryptocurrency regulation in various jurisdictions. Keeping with our strategy of dedicating each issue of our

publication to a particular theme of interest to our New York and international readership, this edition focuses on the enforceability of foreign judgments in jurisdictions around the world. We hope you enjoy it! Also, please see the great photos of the Section's recent Montreal meeting beginning at page 87.

Our next edition, scheduled to be released during the summer of 2019 will focus on how New York and other jurisdictions around the world regulate the protection

of trade secrets. Please contact me at your earliest convenience at [tkracht@huntonak.com](mailto:tkracht@huntonak.com) if you are interested in submitting an article on this topic.

Many hours of hard work have gone into producing this exciting new issue. In addition to our contributing authors, I would like to thank Simone Smith and Kate Mostaccio at NYSBA for their tireless efforts to bring this edition to print, and our Executive Editors Andria Adigwe and Gabe Bluestone for soliciting articles and assembling and leading our team of talented student editors, including Allison Gabrielli of Albany Law School, Fayyaz Ahmed of Albany Law School, Jennifer Wlodarczyk of Albany Law School, Rhiannon Snide of Albany Law School, and Vincent Rotondo of New York Law School.

I hope this issue provokes further thought and discussion. Feedback and suggestions about this edition or the *Practicum* in general are highly encouraged and I hope that together, as a community, we can continue to develop our publication as a practical forum for the exchange of useful information for our members.

Best,  
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teers to help review and edit submissions for both the *Practicum* and *Chapter News*. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact Torsten. Many thanks to Dunniela Kaufman, Beatriz Marque, Peggy McGuinness and Jennifer Ismat for their continuing assistance with *Chapter News*, NYILR and the *Practicum*.

To close, we encourage you to make the most of your membership by participating in Section events, activities and meetings, which aim to help you keep abreast of the latest developments in your field as well as provide invaluable opportunities to network, develop and grow your business. Feel free to contact our Section Liaison and Meetings Coordinator, Tiffany Bardwell at [tbardwell@nysba.org](mailto:tbardwell@nysba.org) or me at [william.schrag@thompsonhine.com](mailto:william.schrag@thompsonhine.com) if you have any questions about the Section.

As always, thank you for your membership in our wonderful Section. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

With best regards,  
William H. Schrag  
Chair, NYSBA International Section

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