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Upcoming Events

February 23 – 24, 2017
1st Annual SWIICL
Workshop in Mexico
USA - Mexico's Cross-Border
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In this issue: Dania Duncan, Editor



Greetings to the SWIICL family! I am pleased to serve as the new Editor of the SWIICL Newsletter,

following in the footsteps of my law partner and good friend **Jordan Cowman**, who served as Editor for the past 5 years. We are grateful for Jordan's service and he will continue to serve

SWIICL in other ways for years to come.

Like Jordan, I am also a shareholder with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, and while I am based in Dallas, Texas, my practice is international in scope. I split my time between Texas and Mexico while focusing on real estate cross-border transactions, representing clients from Europe, the United States and South America doing business in Mexico. [More...](#)

Changing of the Guard - Welcoming SWIICL's New Advisory Board Chair



Susan Karamanian is the new Chair of the Advisory Board of the Southwestern Institute for International and Comparative Law. She is a long-time member of the faculty of the Academy of American and International Law and serves as Associate Dean for international and Comparative Legal Studies at The George Washington

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June 13, 2017
Symposium on Global
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May 21 – June 23, 2017
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June 14 – 16, 2017
28th Annual ITA Workshop
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University Law School in Washington D.C..

At the Academy, Susan teaches the opening session - an Introduction to American Law. She also served as a Co-chair of SWIICL's 2016 Symposium on Global markets and is a former Vice-President of the American Society of International Law.

For Dean Karamanian's first report, [click here](#).

A Warm Thank You to Franco Gianni



The 2016 Symposium marked the conclusion of **Franco Gianni's** term as Chair of the SWIICL Advisory Board.

One of Europe's most distinguished lawyers and the senior partner of Gianni, Oregoni, Grippo, Cappelli and Partners, Franco has for many years been one of SWIICL's strongest leaders and supporters. In addition to guiding the Advisory Board, he has sent many participants to the Academy, has strongly supported SWIICL's program initiatives and has often served on the Symposium faculty.

CAIL and SWIICL are deeply indebted to Mr. Gianni, who was honored at the June meeting of the Advisory Board he so ably led.

Note from Diego Rodriguez, New Academy Alumni Secretary General



It is my pleasure to represent the Alumni of the Academy of American and International Law for the 2016-2017 year.

On behalf of the new CAIL officers, I am glad to start this new challenge and know it will an enriching opportunity to remain in touch with CAIL Alumni, around the world. We want to keep you updated about news and upcoming events, and to read interesting articles written by you. [More...](#)

Now Accepting Applications for 2017 Storey Award

All members of the SWIICL community are invited to submit nominations for the 2017 [Robert G. Storey International Award for Leadership](#). Please note that nominees must be former participants in the Academy of American and International Law. An alumni directory, listed by country, may be found in the [Academy Catalog](#).

Nominations should be accompanied by information describing the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments. The recipient must be able to travel to Dallas for the award presentation which will be held during the Academy of American and International Law. [More...](#)

Academy News

Announcing the 1st Annual SWIICL Workshop in Mexico



In February, SWIICL will host its 1st Annual [Workshop](#) on U.S.-Mexico Cross-Border transactions and the role of Corporate Counsels to be held in Queretero, Mexico.

Academy alumnus **Moises Flores**, a partner in the Mexico firm of Basham, Ringe, y Corea, has organized the workshop, which is being chaired by his partner **Luis Emilio Lujan Suari**, and by **John Stephenson**, a partner in the Dallas firm of Frost Brown Todd and a member of SWIICL's Advisory Board.

For more details about the program, [click here](#).

Report and Photos from 2016 Academy and Symposium

We are proud to report that participants from 23 countries attended the 53rd Academy of American and International Law.

This six-week program included topics on Negotiations and Mediation, International Bankruptcy, Intellectual Property, the American Legal Process, Legal Writing, and much more.

World-renowned faculty contributed to a great experience for our students including **Rob Wilkinson** (The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University), **Bryan Garner** (editor-in-chief, Black's Law Dictionary), **Susan Karamanian** (George Washington University Law School), **Timothy Meyer** (Vanderbilt Law School), **Jack Coe** (Pepperdine University School of Law), and **Charles Gustafson** (Georgetown University Law Center). [More...](#)

Articles

Brexit -International and EU Legal Frameworks Affected and Unaffected

Gillian Sproul, **Lisa Navarro** and **Simon Harms**, Greenberg Traurig

This note identifies those European and international legal frameworks that are unaffected by Brexit and those that may cease to apply in the UK when it withdraws from the European Union unless specific arrangements are put in place.

The three sections address: (1) the impact of Brexit on the application of EU law in the UK, (2) legal frameworks aside from EU law likely to be affected by Brexit, and (3) legal frameworks that are unaffected by Brexit, such as the European Human Rights Convention and other pan-European and international treaties. [More...](#)

Shale: The (Non) Environmental Issues of Unconventional Oil and Gas in Argentina

Matías Galice, Rattagan Macchiavello Arocena Abogados

Argentina has a long history of conventional oil and gas exploitation, but is a relative 'newcomer' in the world of unconventional oil and gas.

On 7 November 2011 YPF, the state-owned oil and gas company, announced the discovery of one of the world's largest reserves of unconventional oil and gas in Vaca Muerta, province of Neuquén, in northern Patagonia, along Argentina's border with Chile.

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