

6238 - International Risk Management in Oilfield Services

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Course Materials: No book for the course. The course packet will be available in Associate Dean's Office starting two weeks before the first day of class
Office Hours: Monday-Friday – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Grading: Students will be graded in three parts. First, there will be student project. This portion of the course will count for 30% of the final grade. Second, 60% of the grade will be based on a final exam that will be comprehensive and will cover the entire course material. The final 10% of the final grade will be tabulated based on class participation/involvement. Attendance: We will take attendance. Half a grade drop for every two unexecuted absences.

Meeting: Please contact the professor at the above contact information to schedule a meeting if needed.

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Course Syllabus

“Article” = Bishop, Dimitroff & Miles, *Strategic Options Available When Catastrophe Strikes the International Energy Project*

“Mandatory Reading” will be used in class discussion

“Optional Material” may or may not be discussed in class and will not be part of the final exam.

We left one “make up” class at the end of the semester in the event that we have to miss a class or if the discussion runs over from one week to the next. We will specify in each class what is due for the next session.

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
AUG 20	<p><u>1. Overview of Issues related to International Service Agreements</u></p> <p>A. Discussion of arbitration clauses and common misconceptions</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Dimitroff and Douglas, <i>Unexpected Killers of Your International Energy Deal</i></p>
AUG 27	<p><u>3. What Claims Can Be Brought?</u></p> <p>A. Treaty Violations: Bilateral Investment Treaties, Energy Charter Treaty and NAFTA</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 1-8 of Article</p> <p><i>American Manufacturing & Trading, Inc. v. Republic of Zaire</i>, ICSID ARB/93/1, 36 I.L.M. 153 1 (1997).</p> <p>Optional Reading</p> <p>Jeswald W. Salacuse & Nicholas P. Sullivan, <i>Do BITS Really Work?: An Evaluation of Bilateral Investment Treaties and Their Grand Bargain</i>, 46 Harv. Int'l L.J. 67 (Winter 2005).</p>
SEPT 3	<p><u>3. What Claims Can Be Brought?</u></p> <p>B. Breach of Contract</p> <p>C. Letter of Credit Litigation</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 9-14 of Article</p> <p><i>Nassar v. Florida Fleet Sales, Inc.</i>, 79 F. Supp. 2d 284 (S.D.N.Y. 1999).</p> <p><i>SRS Products Co., Inc. v. LG Engineering Co.</i>, 994 S.W.2d 380 (Tex. App.- Houston [14th Dist.] 1999, no pet.).</p> <p>Optional Reading</p>

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		<p>R. Doak Bishop, <i>The Duty to Negotiate in Good Faith and the Enforceability of Short-Form Natural Gas Clauses in Production Sharing Agreements</i>, which can be found at: http://www.dundee.ac.uk/cepmlp/journal/html/vol2/article2-1.html</p>
SEPT 10	<p><u>3. What Claims Can Be Brought?</u></p> <p>D. Interim Measures to Freeze Assets or Preserve Evidence for Trial</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 14-22 of Article</p> <p>Rules 64 and 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure</p> <p><i>De Beers Consolidated Mines v. United States</i>, 325 U.S. 212,214-15 (1945).</p> <p><i>Deckert v. Independence Shares Corporation</i>, 311 U.S. 282 (1940).</p> <p><i>United States v. First National City Bank</i>, 379 U.S. 378 (1965).</p>
SEPT 17	<p><u>4. What Forums are Available?</u></p> <p>A. International Arbitration</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 22-32 of Article</p> <p><i>National Oil Corp. v. Libyan Sun Oil Co.</i>, First Award of 31 May 1985,29 I.L.M. 565 (1990), Final Award of 23 February 1987,29 I.L.M. 601 (1990).</p> <p><i>A Practitioner's Guide: An Overview of the Major International Arbitration Tribunals</i>. 3 S.C. J. Int'l. L. & Bus. 21 (Fall 2006).</p> <p>Optional Reading</p> <p>ICSID Convention, Regulation and Rules can be found at: http://icsid.worldbank.org/ICSID/ICSID/RulesMain.jsp</p> <p>ICSID International Facility Rules can be found at: http://icsid.worldbank.org/ICSID/StaticFiles/facility-archive/facility-en.htm</p> <p>ICSID International Facility Rules can be found at: http://icsid.worldbank.org/ICSID/StaticFiles/facility-archive/facility-en.htm</p> <p>[Skim] ICC Arbitration Rules can be found at: http://www.iccwbo.org/uploadedFiles/Court/Arbitration/other/rules_arb_english.pdf</p>

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SEPT 24	<p><u>4. What Forums are Available?</u></p> <p>A. International Arbitration</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 22-32 of Article</p> <p>1958 Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards (the New York Convention) can be found at:http://www.uncitral.org/pdf/english/texts/arbitration/NY-conv/XXII_1_e.pdf</p>
OCT 1	<p><u>4. What Forums are Available?</u></p> <p>A. International Arbitration</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Washington Convention US Model BIT</p> <p>Optional Reading</p> <p>Dolzer & Schreuer Principles of International Investment Law (pages to be assigned)</p>
OCT 8		CLASS WILL RECEIVE PROJECT ASSIGNMENT
OCT 15	<p><u>4. What Forums are Available?</u></p> <p>C. National Courts: Litigation in the United States</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 41-53 of Article</p> <p><i>Colorado River Water Conservation Dist. v. United States</i>, 424 U.S. 800 (1976).</p> <p><i>Turner Entertainment Co. v. Degeto Film GmbH</i>, 25 F.3d 1512 (11th Cir. 1994).</p> <p><i>Southwest Livestock & Trucking Co., Inc. v. Ramon</i>, 169 F.3d 317 (5th Cir. 1999)</p> <p><i>Eastman Kodak Co. v. Kavlin</i>, 978 F. Supp. 1078, 1081 (S.D. Fla. 1997).</p> <p><i>Wilva v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.</i>, 226 F.3d 88 (2d Cir. 2000), <i>cert. denied</i>, --- S. Ct. --- (March 26, 2001)</p>
OCT 22	<p><u>4. Interacting with Foreign Forums</u></p> <p>C. Obtaining Evidence Abroad and Proving Laws of Foreign Countries</p> <p>D. Enforcement of US</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Bishop and Dimitroff, <i>International Litigation in Texas: Obtaining Evidence Abroad and Proving the Laws of Foreign Countries</i></p> <p>Optional Reading</p> <p>U.S. Code Title 28, Part V, Chapter 117, § 1782</p>

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	Judgments Abroad	
OCT 29	<p><u>5. What Parties Can Be Sued?</u></p> <p>A. Foreign Sovereigns & State Enterprises</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 53-58 of Article</p> <p><i>Complaint of Sedco</i>, 610 F. Supp 306 (S.D. Tex. 1982).</p> <p>Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC § 1603 can be found at: http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/28/1603.html</p> <p>Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC § 1604 can be found at: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/28/1604.html</p> <p>Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC § 1605 can be found at: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/28/1605.html</p> <p>Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC § 1608 can be found at: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/28/1608.html</p> <p>Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC § 1609 can be found at: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/28/1609.html</p> <p>Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC § 1610 can be found at: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/28/1610.html</p> <p>Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC § 1611 can be found at: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/28/1611.html</p>
NOV 5	<p><u>5. What Parties Can Be Sued?</u></p> <p>B. Bringing Claims Against Affiliates of Foreign Corporations</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 58-61 of Article</p> <p><i>Brunswick Corp. v. Waxman</i>, 459 F.Supp. 1222,1230 (E.D.N.Y. 1978).</p> <p><i>DeWitt Truck Brokers v. W Ray Flemming Fruit Co.</i>, 540 F.2d 681,687-688 (4th Cir. 1976).</p>
NOV 12	<p><u>5. What Parties Can Be Sued?</u></p> <p>C. Non-Signatory Affiliates in an</p>	<p>Mandatory Reading</p> <p>Pages 61-67 of Article</p> <p><i>Sunkist Soft Drinks, Inc. v. Sunkist Growers, Inc.</i>, 10 F.3d</p>

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	Arbitration D. Arbitration of Related Claims: Unified Contractual Scheme E. Political Risk Insurance: Overseas Private Investment Corporation	753, 757-58 (11th Cir. 1993), <i>cert. denied</i> , 115 S. Ct. 190 (1994) <i>JJ Ryan & Sons v. Rhone Poulenc Textile, S.A.</i> , 863 F.2d 315, 320-21 (4th Cir. 1988) <i>Carlin v. 3V, Inc.</i> , 928 S.W.2d 291,294-97 (Tex. App. - Houston [14th Dist.] 1996, no writ). <i>Deloitte Noraudit A/S. Deloitte Haskins & Sells, US.</i> , 9 F.3d 1060, 1064 (2d Cir. 1993).
NOV 19	Group Presentations	
DEC 3	Final Exam	