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May 15 – June 24, 2016
[53rd Academy of American
and International Law](#)

In this issue: Jordan W. Cowman, Editor

Greetings to the SWIICL family! My hope is that this latest edition of the SWIICL newsletter finds you doing well.

As our clients find enormous opportunities outside of our respective jurisdictions, our law practices, by necessity, expand beyond national borders. To properly represent our clients and lead the way in the legal profession, we diligently must keep up with the increasing pace of change in the law concerning an incredibly wide variety of areas. [More...](#)

Letter from Francesco Gianni, Chair, SWIICL Advisory Board

Dear Colleagues: Much is happening... In June, we held a new boot camp on international law. It featured a number of very good presentations. For those of you who weren't able to attend, this newsletter includes several articles and slide presentations from that conference. I hope you will find them interesting and informative. [More...](#)

New SWIICL Committees

We're pleased to announce the creation of two exciting new Committees!

The Programs Committee will review existing SWIICL programs

and consider possible new programs. It's main goals will be (1) to ensure we are meeting the needs of our current members and (2) that we continue to attract new international lawyers to SWIICL.

The Membership and Member Benefits Committee will work on a surveying our membership to determine its value and to identify ways to provide better services.

If you are interested in working on one of these committees, please contact [Mark Smith](#) or [Jasmine Hunt](#).

Academy News

Academy Alumni Association Update

A report from Andy Lohbeck, Secretary General of the Alumni Association

Dear friends of SWIICL and, in particular, dear Academy Alumni: As the Secretary General of the Alumni Association elected for the term until June 2016, I am pleased to introduce you to recent developments within the Alumni Association. [More...](#)

Memorandum of Understanding

On August 12, 2015, Maryam Abdallah, the SWIICL Country Coordinator for Lebanon, along with Georges Jreij, Chief of the Beirut Bar Association, and Mark Smith, Dean of the Academy, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote participation by Beirut lawyers in the Academy of American and International Law. [More...](#)

European Academy Alumni Reunion in Sarajevo

A report from Dubravka Piotrovski

For more than 25 years, the European alumni of the Academy of American and International Law have held annual reunions. The 2014 reunion was in Rome, and this year the torch passed to Sarajevo, the capitol of Bosnia and Herzegovina. On October 1, 24 alumni gathered from all over Europe – from Italy, Turkey, FYR Macedonia, Belgium, Albania, Czech Republik, Sweden, Spain, Romaina, France, and Germany. [More...](#)

2008 Academy Alumnus named Chief Justice of Pakistan's largest Province

Last month, the president of Pakistan named 2008 Academy alumnus **Ijaz ul Ahsan** chief Justice of the Punjab High

Court. Chief Justice ul Ahsan joins a long list of Academy alumni who have assumed positions of leadership around the world.

[More...](#)

Multi-National Counsel Boot Camp Materials

Data Privacy and Data Security

Dana Nahlen, Director, International Compliance at SunGuard, and **Sylvia Fang**, Vice President and General Counsel of Taiwan Semiconductor

Digital espionage, data privacy and data security are hot topics for a reason: data breaches are becoming more common and the price tag for such breaches can cost tens of millions of dollars, not to mention the damage to a business' reputation and other resulting fallout. Dana Nahlen and explore these topics and offer their valuable insights on proactive steps that may help prevent data breaches, as well as their advice on handling such breaches if (when) they occur. [More...](#)

Expensive and Damaging Antitrust Trip-Ups

Rachael S. Brass of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, **Jacob Hodges** of Commercial Metals, and **Scott Ewing** of Haynes & Boone LLP

Both in and outside the US, competition issues can have a devastating impact on business. Fines, imprisonment, damage claims and other negative consequences can result from seemingly innocent acts of the unwary. In their presentation, "Expensive and Damaging Antitrust Trip-Ups," Rachael Brass, Jacob Hodges and Scott Ewing cover the scope of competition law, how the collection and use of competitive intelligence can have serious consequences for companies and individuals, and key components of compliance with antitrust laws. [More...](#)

Compliance and Sanctions

Kit Addleman, **Jordan Cowman**, **Nelson G. Dong**, **Sylvia Fang**, **Jeff Spears**, **Joseph Vicario**, and **Dick Thurston**

Compliance issues can sometimes be the some of the most difficult to tackle. The challenges associated with preserving privilege as a client's privileged and confidential information travels across borders, the increasing enforcement of the many anti-corruption laws around the world and the challenges associated with anti-corruption and anti-bribery compliance, together with the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control, are explored in this group of presentation.

Also featured are presentations and case studies concerning International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and Export Administration Regulations (EAR). Dick Thurston, former General Counsel of Taiwan Semiconductor; Sylvia Fang, current General Counsel at Taiwan Semiconductor; Nelson Dong of Dorsey & Whitney; Jordan W. Cowman of Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Joseph A. Vicario, Jr., Senior Counsel at Texas Instruments; Kit Addleman of Haynes & Boone LLP; and Jeff Spears of AMD Services, LLC & Mercury Specialized Global Services, LLC, share their experience and insights on these cutting-edge topics. [More...](#)

Aligning Compliance Program Priorities with Business Objectives

Jay Martin, Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Deputy General Counsel for Baker Hughes, Inc.

In his presentation entitled “Aligning Compliance Program Priorities with Business Objectives,” Jay Martin covers important topics including how ethics and compliance should be part of a company’s strategic plan for performance and can be an effective driver for recruitment, reputation, partnership and investment. [More...](#)



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