

## EDITORIAL FOREWORD

On behalf of the Editorial Board and members, it is my pleasure to present the second issue of the 31<sup>st</sup> volume of the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law*. I particularly would like to recognize the Editorial Board for their hard work, diligence, and productivity in bringing together the last issue of this Editorial Board over the last several months. The *Journal* has been fortunate over the years, to have such industrious editors, and this is one of the main reasons the *Journal* continues to be a mainstay of the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law. The dedication of the Editorial Board with the second-year writers and third-year members is demonstrated by the continued quality of every issue since the *Journal's* founding in 1982. In addition, the Editorial Board and members look to the future with the recent launching of our new website, [www.arizonajournal.org](http://www.arizonajournal.org). This new platform will greatly aid the *Journal* in its mission to provide engaging, relevant, and thoughtful academic scholarship in international and comparative law.

Each year, the *Journal* typically produces three issues total, two traditional issues and one symposium issue. For the two traditional issues, the Editorial Board sought material centered on timely topics, and through the *Journal's* collaboration with the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, several articles were chosen from the conference, *Justice Beyond the State: Transnationalism and Law*, that took place in September 2013. Additionally, the annual WTO Case Review is contained in this issue and making its 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The articles in this issue focus on the relationship of domestic and global policy. Increasingly the world is becoming more inter-connected and nations continue to struggle how to balance domestic politics with international relations. In today's courts around the world, it is essential for lawyers to have a firm understanding of not only the local laws, but also international law that informs them. This issue includes two insightful and thought-provoking articles that focus on the challenges for the United States in negotiating a Bilateral Investment Treaty with China and the development of U.S. sanction on Iran. The authors of this issue are Raj Bhala and David A. Gantz. In addition to the two articles and the annual WTO Case Review, the issue also includes three fascinating student Notes by Alanna T. Duong, Jordan Peagler, and myself, Edward J. Walneck.

We at the *Journal* thank all the organizers of the conference, *Justice Beyond the State: Transnationalism and Law* for their hard work and dedication to bring about discussions and presentations about ideas discussed in each of the articles. I also would like to thank again the *Journal* Editorial Board and writers who worked on this issue. Finally, I would like to thank Professor David Gantz, one of the *Journal's* faculty advisors, whose guidance on this particular issue has been immensely helpful. With three decades in the books, the *Journal* looks to the future and will continue to publish cutting edge scholarship in international and comparative law.

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