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The Case Against the Supreme Court

For the first time ever, a retired Supreme Court Justice offers a manifesto on how the Constitution needs to change. By the time of his retirement in June 2010, John Paul Stevens had become the second longest serving Justice in the history of the Supreme Court. Now he draws upon his more than three decades on the Court, during which he was involved with many of the defining decisions of the modern era, to offer a book like none other. SIX AMENDMENTS is an absolutely unprecedented call to arms, detailing six specific ways in which the Constitution should be amended in order to protect our democracy and the safety and wellbeing of American citizens. Written with the same precision and elegance that made Stevens's own Court opinions legendary for their clarity as well as logic, SIX AMENDMENTS is a remarkable work, both because of its unprecedented nature and, in an age of partisan ferocity, its inarguable common sense.

The Law of Sovereign Immunity and Terrorism

'Evidence and Burden of Proof in Foreign Sovereign Immunity Litigation' is the first specialized and practically useful analysis of the evidence problems and the burden of proof in matters of foreign sovereign immunity litigation, both regarding jurisdictional immunities and immunity from execution. The monograph is a comparative law analysis that spans six of the seven existing national statutes on foreign sovereign immunity, starting with the United States' Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 1976, to the Canadian State Immunity Act, 1982. The study concludes in demonstrating two distinct rules of the burden of proof, for each kind of immunity; the rules are widely uniform, and were corroborated by case law and scholarly opinion in all of the examined jurisdictions. They can be said to form today rules of international law. The monograph is of high practical value for litigation lawyers and government counsel struggling with evidence problems regarding foreign sovereign immunity. It can be taken as a reference guide for solving the evidence problems in those trials, and as such is a precious asset in any international law library. The only titles that in scope, depth and size can be compared with the present study are already quite out of date, and they have, if ever, only randomly dealt with the specific procedural problems of evidence and the burden of proof in international sovereign immunity litigation.

Sovereign--governmental Immunity

While sovereign immunity has increasingly been set-aside in international criminal proceedings, it continues to block most cases of civil lawsuits based upon the same circumstances. The main explanation given by judges for this decision is that a wide consensus supporting an exception to the sovereign immunity rule, based on violation of human rights, cannot be found. This work argues against the above claim. It's main object is to exposes the reasons judges give for their reluctance to adjudicate human rights claims as unconvincing. Through the analysis of the structure of sovereign immunity, it becomes very clear that the current outlook prevents a new exception from emerging. Not only do judges look at the concept in a way that fits their aim; they also base their claim on outdated arguments. By suggesting a different view of the situation, the book complicates the argument against using state immunity to bar jus cogens actions, opening the door to further considerations and future developments. Hence, it should be especially useful to international lawyers, human rights advocates or anyone interested in the situation of

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human rights.

The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act Deskbook

This book examines suits against States and State-owned corporations in foreign courts.

Litigation with the Federal Government

The Law of State Immunity

Both historically and in the present, the Supreme Court has largely been a failure In this devastating book, Erwin Chemerinsky—"one of the shining lights of legal academia" (The New York Times)—shows how, case by case, for over two centuries, the hallowed Court has been far more likely to uphold government abuses of power than to stop them. Drawing on a wealth of rulings, some famous, others little known, he reviews the Supreme Court's historic failures in key areas, including the refusal to protect minorities, the upholding of gender discrimination, and the neglect of the Constitution in times of crisis, from World War I through 9/11. No one is better suited to make this case than Chemerinsky. He has studied, taught, and practiced constitutional law for thirty years and has argued before the Supreme Court. With passion and eloquence, Chemerinsky advocates reforms that could make the system work better, and he challenges us to think more critically about the nature of the Court and the fallible men and women who sit on it.

Sovereign Immunity

Narrowing the Nation's Power is the tale of how a cohesive majority of the Supreme Court has, in the last six years, cut back the power of Congress and enhanced the autonomy of the fifty states. The immunity from suit of the sovereign, Blackstone taught, is necessary to preserve the people's idea that the sovereign is "a superior being." Promoting the common law doctrine of sovereign immunity to constitutional status, the current Supreme Court has used it to shield the states from damages for age discrimination, disability discrimination, and the violation of patents, trademarks, copyrights, and fair labor standards. Not just the states themselves, but every state-sponsored entity—a state insurance scheme, a state university's research lab, the Idaho Potato Commission—has been insulated from paying damages in tort or contract. Sovereign immunity, as Noonan puts it, has metastasized. "It only hurts when you think about it," Noonan's Yalewoman remarks. Crippled by the states' immunity, Congress has been further brought to heel by the Supreme Court's recent invention of two rules. The first rule: Congress must establish a documentary record that a national evil exists before Congress can legislate to protect life, liberty, or property under the Fourteenth Amendment. The second rule: The response of Congress to the evil must then be both "congruent" and "proportionate." The Supreme Court determines whether these standards are met, thereby making itself the master monitor of national legislation. Even legislation under the Commerce Clause has been found wanting, illustrated here by the story of Christy Brzonkala's attempt to redress multiple rapes at a state university by invoking the Violence Against Women Act. The nation's power has been remarkably narrowed. Noonan is a passionate believer in the place of persons in the law. Rules, he claims, are a necessary framework, but they must not obscure law's task of giving justice to persons. His critique of Supreme Court doctrine is driven by this conviction.

State Immunity and the Violation of Human Rights

The author shows through a careful analysis of the law that restrictive immunity does not have vox populi in developing countries, and that it lacks usus. He also argues that forum law, i.e. the lex fori is a creature of sovereignty and between equals before the law, only what is understood and acknowledged as law among states must be applied in as much as the international legal system is horizontal.

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This study examines whether there is any rule of (customary) international law stipulating that cultural objects belonging to foreign States that are on loan for temporary exhibition are immune from seizure, or whether such a rule is emerging.

Narrowing the Nation's Power

The International Law of Sovereign Immunity

Immunity for international organizations and their staff, while long considered necessary to their functioning, has fallen under scrutiny and criticism in practice. These contributions, originally prepared for

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a conference held at Leiden University in June 2013, are re-published here in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the International Organizations Law Review.

Sovereign Immunity Or the Rule of Law

Some Aspects of the Rule of Sovereign Immunity as Interpreted by Anglo-American Courts in Suits Against Foreign States

This book offers a unique critical analysis of the legal nature, effects and limits of UN Security Council referrals to the International Criminal Court (ICC). Alexandre Skander Galand provides, for the first time, a full picture of two competing understandings of the nature of the Security Council referrals to the ICC, and their respective normative interplay with legal barriers to the exercise of universal prescriptive and adjudicative jurisdiction. The book shows that the application of the Rome Statute through a Security Council referral is inherently limited by the UN Charter as well as the Rome Statute, and can conflict with other branches of international law, including international human rights law, the law on immunities and the law of treaties. Hence, it spells out a conception of the nature and effects of Security Council referrals that responds to these limits and, in turn, informs the reader on the nature of the ICC itself.

State Immunities and Trading Activities in International Law

An innovative, highly accessible casebook that features problems, cases connected by narrative text, charts, and graphs, all presented in a manner suited to multiple teaching approaches. Features: Incorporates problems throughout each chapter allowing students to reinforce their understanding of basic doctrine and to explore doctrine in greater depth. Presents information graphically through charts and diagrams to appeal to multiple learning styles and reinforce student comprehension. Includes all relevant statutes, rules, and constitutional provisions. Includes a comprehensive Teachers Manual with the authors suggestions for using chapter materials, the authors views about the text problems, and other supporting materials and references. Presents topics that otherwise overlap with coverage in Civil Procedure (e.g., subject matter jurisdiction) in a manner that leads to more advanced and interesting treatment.

Evidence and Burden of Proof in Foreign Sovereign Immunity Litigation

60 Years of the New York Convention

2) Art. 6 ECHR.

A Report on Sovereign Immunity

This book is devoted to an examination of the legal status of government merchant ships while on the high seas or in the waters of foreign states in time of peace. The object of this examination is to ascertain whether there is any rule of international law which accords such a ship a higher status than that of private merchant ships. Whether government merchant ships, unlike private ships, are entitled to certain immunities from the jurisdiction of foreign states is the question that we have set out to answer in this book. A discussion of the rules concerning the nationality of such a ship or the jurisdiction of the flag state over her does not find a place in this work. A government merchant ship may be defined as a merchant ship owned or operated by a state. Immunity of a ship here means the exemption of a government ship from the jurisdiction of any state other than the flag state. This term also connotes the immunity of the flag state from the jurisdiction of the tribunals of foreign states in respect of proceedings connected with such a ship. Immunity of persons means the exemption of persons in the service of a government ship, or other persons on board her, from the jurisdiction of any state other than the flag state.

The International Law of Sovereign Immunity

The doctrine of state immunity bars a national court from adjudicating or enforcing claims against foreign states. This doctrine, the foundation for high-profile national and international decisions such as those in the Pinochet case and the Arrest Warrant cases, has always been controversial. The reasons for the controversy are many and varied. Some argue that state immunity paves the way for state violations of human rights. Others argue that the customary basis for the doctrine is not a sufficient basis for regulation and that codification is the way forward. Furthermore, it can be argued that even when judgments are made in national courts against other states, the doctrine makes enforcement of these decisions impossible. This fully restructured new edition provides a detailed analysis of these issues in a more clear and accessible manner. It provides a nuanced assessment of the development of the doctrine of

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state immunity, including a general comprehensive overview of the plea of immunity of a foreign state, its characteristics, and its operation as a bar to proceedings in national courts of another state. It includes a coherent history and justification of the plea of state immunity, demonstrating its development from the absolute to the restrictive phase, arguing that state immunity can now be seen to be developing into a third phase which uses immunity allocate adjudicative and enforcement jurisdictions between the foreign and the territorial states. The United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of states and their Property is thoroughly assessed. Through a detailed examination of the sources of law and of English and US case law, and a comparative analysis of other types of immunity, the authors explore both the law as it stands, and what it could and should be in years to come.

The Cambridge Handbook of Immunities and International Law

In State Immunity and Arbitration the author explores the limits of the concept of State Immunity as it relates to both jurisdiction and execution against state property in arbitration cases. The current scope of state immunity from jurisdiction is examined with reference to legislative and jurisprudential developments in the US and UK where the author finds evidence of a definite shift away from the traditional restrictive theory of state immunity. A similar survey of state practice relating to waiver, both express and implied, of immunity from jurisdiction and the relevant rules of arbitration institutions such as the ICC also illustrate a trend towards shrinking immunity.

Immunity of Heads of State and State Officials for International Crimes

State Immunity and Cultural Objects on Loan

"Sovereign Immunity or the Rule of Law suggests a fresh look at the doctrine of sovereign immunity through the lens of political philosophers whose writings were well known to the people who framed and ratified the United States Constitution. Some of those philosophers espoused theories of sovereignty that logically compelled sovereign immunity. John Locke, the philosopher upon whom the former colonists predominantly relied, espoused a theory of sovereignty that, by contrast, cannot tolerate the idea of sovereign immunity - a government not answerable to its own laws or to the instrument that gave it life. Donald L. Doernberg argues that the United States Constitution exists for no purpose other than to restrain government power, and that to declare the government immune from accountability under it is a profanation of our political and philosophical history."--BOOK JACKET.

State Immunity in International Law

Report of the Attorney General's Task Force on Sovereign Immunity

'Evidence and Burden of Proof in Foreign Sovereign Immunity Litigation: A Procedural Guide for International Lawyers and Government Counsel' (3rd Revised Edition, 2017) is the first specialized and practically useful analysis of the evidence problems and the burden of proof in matters of foreign sovereign immunity litigation, both regarding jurisdictional immunities and immunity from execution. The monograph is a comparative law analysis that spans six of the seven existing national statutes on foreign sovereign immunity, starting with the United States' Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 1976, to the Canadian State Immunity Act, 1982. The study concludes in demonstrating two distinct rules of the burden of proof, for each kind of immunity; the rules are widely uniform, and were corroborated by case law and scholarly opinion in all of the examined jurisdictions. They can be said to form today rules of international law. The monograph is of high practical value for litigation lawyers and government counsel struggling with evidence problems regarding foreign sovereign immunity. It can be taken as a reference guide for solving the evidence problems in those trials, and as such is a precious asset in any international law library. The only titles that in scope, depth and size can be compared with the present study are already quite out of date, and they have, if ever, only randomly dealt with the specific procedural problems of evidence and the burden of proof in international sovereign immunity litigation.

Sovereign Immunity and Human Rights

Sovereign Immunity

Ramona Pedretti offers a comprehensive assessment of customary law rules on immunity of Heads of State and other State officials in the context of crimes pursuant to international law and their relationship with core principles of international law.

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Immunity of International Organizations

With the rise of globalization, the contracts between private parties and foreign governments have inevitably increased cross-border legal disputes, making the FSIA a significant component of U.S. international dispute resolution practice. Foreign sovereign immunity issues are important to today's topical issues including the world-wide oil and natural gas industry, and the financial services industry.

Immunities in the Age of Global Constitutionalism

Legal Status of Government Merchant Ships in International Law

Worldwide interest in the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards has never been higher, and the New York Convention of 1958, currently adhered to by 159 States including the major trading nations, remains the most successful treaty in this area of commercial law. This incomparable book, marking the Convention's 60th anniversary, provides a fully updated analysis of the Convention's application from international, comparative, and national perspectives. Drawing on a global conference held in Seville in April 2018 that was actively supported by UNCITRAL, the book's 27 chapters, by highly qualified international practitioners and academics from different jurisdictions, address the subject with critical eyes, well aware of current developments and future challenges in the field of arbitration. Among the issues and topics covered are the following: Multi-tiered dispute resolution clauses. Applicability of the UN Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts. Complexities of enforcing orders determined by software. Enforcement of annulled awards. European Union law and the New York Convention. Enforcing awards against States and State entities. Sovereign immunity as a ground to refuse compliance with investor-State awards; Enforcement against non-signatories. Public policy exception. Arbitrating and enforcing foreign awards in specific countries and regions, including China, sub-Saharan Africa, and the ASEAN countries. Ample reference is made throughout to leading cases and practice. Familiarity with the intricacies of the New York Convention, as the most universally acknowledged framework in which cross-border economic exchanges can flourish, is essential for judges, practitioners, legal staff, business people, and scholars working with or applying international commercial arbitration anywhere in the world. This book's combination of highly thought-provoking topics and the depth with which they are addressed will prove invaluable to all interested parties

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Foreign State Immunity and Arbitration

Few topics of international law speak to the imagination as much as international immunities. Questions pertaining to immunity from jurisdiction or execution under international law surface on a frequent basis before national courts, including at the highest levels of the judicial branch and before international courts or tribunals. Nevertheless, international immunity law is and remains a challenging field for practitioners and scholars alike. Challenges stem in part from the uncertainty pertaining to the customary content of some immunity regimes said to be in a 'state of flux', the divergent - and at times directly conflicting - approaches to immunity in different national and international jurisdictions, or the increasing intolerance towards impunity that has accompanied the advance of international criminal law and human rights law. Composed of thirty-four expertly written contributions, the present volume uniquely provides a comprehensive tour d'horizon of international immunity law, traversing a wealth of national and international practice.

Sovereign Immunity

Adams V. Brinegar

Federal Courts

The American Law of Sovereign Immunity

Evidence and Burden of Proof in Foreign Sovereign Immunity Litigation

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The Supreme Court in United States History

James Cooper-Hill is one of a very few lawyers to have conducted successful litigation against terrorist nations on behalf of victims of international terrorism. When his friend became the first hostage held in Baghdad during the 1992 Persian Gulf War, he became engaged in litigation against three terrorist nations: Iraq, Libya, and Sudan. Of the three judgements against Iraq that have been paid to date, two of them are cases in which Cooper-Hill represented the plaintiff. This path-breaking treatise explores the many stages involved when trying to thwart sovereign immunity and obtain damages against terrorist nations. Topics covered include pre-statutory U.S. administrative procedure, pre-1976 statutory exemptions, due process requirements, and collateral international terrorism law. Extensive appendices include the key laws and acts on sovereign immunity and compensation for victims of terrorist acts.

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The State Immunity Controversy in International Law

Ours is a world in which the volume of the external trade of the vast majority of nations has greatly expanded and continues to be on the rise. Transnational intercourse of all kinds is now a feature of an interdependent world economy in which no nation can afford to stand aloof from a market-place which has assumed global dimensions. It is also a world where many nations, and not only of the Socialist bloc, conduct some of their transnational business themselves, or else they entrust it to state-owned corporations and to agencies of the state. In these circumstances it becomes of prime importance to know whether a foreign state or an agency or instrumentality thereof can be sued before the local courts and, if so, whether the final judgement obtained can be enforced against the funds or property of the judgement debtor. The question of the immunity of states from suit and from execution is thus one of direct practical relevance not only to the legal profession but also to governments and the business and banking communities all over the world. The economic effects of a particular legal stand on state immunity are obvious. The position of national courts on state immunity can either attract more business or discourage further dealings with foreign states or their agencies. It can thus affect the balance of payments and, in general, the role the country plays in the world market.

UN Security Council Referrals to the International Criminal Court: Legal Nature, Effects and Limits

Xiaodong Yang examines the issue of jurisdictional immunities of States and their property in foreign domestic courts.

Six Amendments

The law of immunity of states, of international organisations, and of public officials is one of the most important and most controversial topics of international law. The book takes up new trends and challenges in this field and assesses them within the framework of global constitutionalism and multilevel governance. Contains chapters in both English and French.

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