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**ABA INTERNATIONAL 2010 SPRING MEETING ADDRESSES THE CONVERGENCE OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROFESSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. Feb. 17, 2010 -- The [American Bar Association's Section of International Law](#) will host its 2010 Spring Meeting April 13-17 at the Grand Hyatt New York, located at 109 E. 42 St. in New York City. The global economy and its effects on the international legal profession and its clients will be the key issue of discussion at the meeting.

Internationally renowned legal experts will be speaking, including [Harold Hongju Koh](#), legal adviser to the Department of State and former dean of Yale Law School. Koh has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court and testified before Congress. He has authored or co-authored eight books and more than 150 articles on international and national security, international business transactions, foreign affairs and human rights. [Ambassador Abdullah H. Haroon](#), permanent representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, will be speaking about the UN's newest Call to Action. Also speaking will be [Martin Lipton](#), business law leader and creator of the "poison pill" defense, which was created in response to tender-based hostile takeovers.

The meeting will feature the exhibition, "Lawyers Without Rights," created by the German Federal Bar and made available for the first time in the United States to ABA International. The exhibit features detailed and poignant accounts of the lives and fates of Jewish lawyers throughout Germany who suffered at the hands of the Nazi regime.

ABA International, in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association's International Section, will host the "International Law Boot Camp," featuring the Fundamentals of International Practice, on April 13. The boot camp is a full-day series of fundamental international law programs that satisfy New York state's transitional CLE requirements. It will include career development and networking programs, addressing, among other things, how to make the most of social networking.

On April 14 the "Managing Partner Summit" will bring together leaders from 20 law firms from around the world to discuss shifting paradigms in the legal profession caused by the global economic crisis. Topics include: "Law Firm Strategy after the Recession" and "The Secrets of Attracting and Leading the Best People."

Throughout the five-day meeting, discussions and presentations will be made by prominent representatives from government, international organizations, academia and business, such as: the UN International Development Fund for Women, the U.S. Court of International Trade, [Lawyers Without Borders](#), New York University Law School, Google Inc., the UN Development Program, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, General Electric Co., Columbia Law School, the World Bank, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the Federal Trade Commission, Georgetown University Law Center, the Department of Justice and the Department of State.



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Crucial developments in the international legal community will be discussed, including: changes in international investment laws, mergers and acquisitions in times of crisis, legal outsourcing, enforcement of trade preference programs, cross border e-discovery, economic underpinnings of the new administration, public-private partnerships, cross-border insolvency, global trends in corporate governance, renewable energy, the military's role in the rule of law, mergers and acquisitions in times of crisis, international criminal organizations and many more, with more than 70 programs in all.

For more information about the 2010 Spring Meeting, visit  
<http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/spring2010/home.html>.

ABA International was founded in 1933 and leads the development of international legal policy, the promotion of the rule of law, and the education of international law practitioners. It is the only ABA entity that focuses exclusively on international legal issues. ABA International has over 24,000 members in 90 countries, including 1,500 in-house counsel, 800 U.S.-licensed lawyers practicing abroad and 1,200 non-U.S. lawyers. The section has more than 60 committees, task forces, and working groups devoted to substantive legal issues or focused on geographic areas all over the world, monitoring and disseminating information on international policy developments that effect international legal practice.

With nearly 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

**Note to Editors: Reporters are welcome to attend and cover any session of the Section of International Law Spring Meeting for free, but it is recommended they preregister. For more information about the programs or to arrange for press credentials, contact Jane Singleton at [singletv@staff.abanet.org](mailto:singletv@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1093.**

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