

## Dear Friends of the Committee,

The International Law Section held its first in-person Annual Conference since 2019. The conference took place from April 26 to 29 at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. Attendees came from Asia, South and Central America, Europe, and Africa. The theme of the conference was “re-emergence,” and our relationships with our colleagues were strengthened through the many networking and social events throughout the meeting.

Our committee sponsored a program on the use of deferred prosecution agreements. The program was moderated by our own Stéphane de Navacelle and featured experts from Canada, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the U. S. Thanks to Stéphane for a job well done. We also cosponsored an ethics program concerning beneficial ownership laws and a program on innovations in teaching international law during turbulent times for which Ira Trako was the program co-chair.

The evolving conflict in Ukraine was addressed by Ambassador William Taylor and Vladislav Rashkovan of the International Monetary Fund. Thursday evening’s most memorable event was a March to the Russian Ambassador’s house and to the White House by a contingent of chanting section members.

Many section members expressed their joy and gratitude for the opportunity to meet together in-person. We look forward to next year’s conference in New York in April and hope to see you there.

Best regards,  
Susan Schwartz  
Co-Chair, ICL Committee

## ICYMI: Recent Committee Programs



[“Ransomware with Michael Buchanan and Alejandro Cruz,”](#) March 7, 2022

Watch [“Using Open-Source Information to Document War Crimes and Atrocities in Ukraine and Beyond,”](#) April 12, 2022 and download its [accompanying presentations](#)

## International and Hybrid Criminal Proceedings



ICJ indicates provisional measures in the case concerning [Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide \(Ukraine v. Russian Federation\)](#)

ECHR grants [urgent interim measures to Russia under Rule 39 in relation to massive human rights violations committed in the course of military aggression against territory of Ukraine and similar measures concerning requests by individual civilians in Ukraine](#)

[The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman](#) opened before ICC Trial Chamber I, regarding alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur between August 2003 and April 2004

[The Prosecutor v. Paul Gicheru](#) opened before ICC Trial Chamber III, regarding corrupt influence of witnesses regarding cases from the situation in Kenya

ICC Trial Chamber I dismisses Mr. Ble Goude’s request for compensation, finding the Prosecution’s actions did not rise to the level of a wrongful prosecution and no other form of a grave and manifest miscarriage of justice had taken place

[Kosovo Specialist Chambers dismisses Mr. Nasim Haradinaj’s Appeal against Decisions on Review of Detention](#)

[Kosovo Specialist Chambers dismisses Mr. Pjeter Shala’s Appeal challenging the court’s establishment and jurisdiction, including application of customary international law](#)

The Republic of Chad surrenders Mr. Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka to the ICC for war crimes and crimes against humanity in 2013 and 2014

## National Decisions



[Former German ministers submitted criminal complaint with federal prosecutors seeking prosecution of war crimes in Ukraine](#)

[Albanian Special Appeals Court for Corruption and Organized Crime sentenced former Interior Minister for abuse of office over ties to a criminal drug trafficking network](#)

[U.S. judge rejects retired Venezuelan general’s motion to dismiss drug trafficking charges, finding foreign sovereign immunity does not protect a rogue state or rogue officials](#)

[Trial of Commander of Drina Corps for forcing Bosniak civilians out of Srebrenica during the Bosnian Serb Army’s offensive in July 1995 scheduled to start May 30th in Serbia](#)

[Dutch court convicts Afghan man of war crimes in Kabul prison in the 1980s](#)

[First Trial before the Central African Republic Special Criminal Court postponed due to defense attorney boycott](#)

[Germany charges Gambian man for commission of crimes against humanity against political opponents as driver of former President Yahya Jammeh](#)

## Enforcement



[Operation Pandora VI leads to 52 arrests and 9,408 seizures of cultural artifacts across 28 countries](#)

[Montenegro arrests former President of Supreme Court for abuse of office relating to son's drug trafficking activity](#)

## Enhanced Cooperation



[Dominican drug lord extradited to the U.S. from Sint Maarten to face drug trafficking charges](#)

[Former Honduran president arrested after U.S. DOJ requests extradition over drug trafficking and weapons charges](#)

[The Republic of Madagascar accedes to the Protocol Establishing the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights](#)

## Policies and Initiatives



[Ukraine adopts new laws criminalizing cooperation with an aggressor state, including public denial of the existence of armed aggression against Ukraine](#)

[Council of Europe Convention on Offenses relating to Cultural Property \(CETS No. 221\) enters into force in Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, and Mexico](#)

[France hosts Council of the European Union holds conference with UNESCO for reinforcement of cooperation against illicit trafficking in cultural property](#)

[Cambodia hosts workshop with Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, China, and Myanmar on challenges and best practices to fight illicit trafficking of cultural properties](#)

[U.S. concludes Burmese military committed genocide and crimes against humanity against Rohingya](#)

[UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry repeats recommendation to conduct investigations into possible war crimes by US-led coalition resulting in civilian casualties in Syria](#)

## Restoration and Restitution



[ICJ fixes amounts of compensation due from the Republic of Uganda to the Democratic Republic of the Congo for damage to persons, property, and natural resources](#)

[ECCC published the Advisory Report by the Co-Rapporteurs on Residual Functions related to Victims](#)

[US returns ancient helmet to Bulgaria and announces grant to create pilot digital registry to prevent theft and trafficking](#)

[US returns neolithic figurines, bronze pitcher, and other artifacts to Jordan](#)

[FBI Art Crime Team returns fossilized crocodile skull to Morocco](#)

[HSI Cleveland repatriates two ammonite fossils to Madagascar](#)

[Albania Police seize 4,000 cultural heritage items, including religious artifacts and antiques](#)

[The Netherlands apologizes to Indonesia for its army's use of extreme violence during Indonesia's 1945-49 war of independence](#)

## Other Developments



[Radiocarbon Dating identifies two forged paintings in France](#)

[ECCC Launches Document Access Service, Pilots Judicial Database Access](#)

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