

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**MEETING NOTICE AND TENTATIVE
AGENDA**

**October 6 - 7, 2008
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The Department of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) will hold its next **general review of the "state of the world" concerning private international law** on *Monday, October 6th* and *Tuesday, October 7th, 2008* in Washington, D.C. *The meeting will be held at the Michael K. Young Faculty Conference Center, George Washington University Law School, 2000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052 and will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday and at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The meeting will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on both days.* Please advise us as early as possible if you plan to attend.

Subject to time limitations, we expect to provide updates on trends and developments in a number of areas: International Family Law (including the 2007 Child Support Convention); the recently concluded UNCITRAL Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea; Commercial Law Treaties (Securities Conventions, Geneva conference and the EU, intellectual property, e-commerce, rail and space satellite finance, the UNIDROIT model leasing law); International/Comparative Government Procurement; the OAS and the CIDIP VII process (consumer protection and secured transactions registry); and issues related to ratification and implementation of PIL treaties in our federal system. Ample time will be provided for open discussion, so we hope to have broad and active participation from a wide range of interested parties.

Documents on these subjects are obtainable at www.uncitral.org; www.hcch.net; www.unidroit.org; and www.oas.org. Additional documents will be provided by email wherever possible. Comments on any topic will be welcomed from those unable to attend.

To register or obtain further information, please contact Niesha Toms at TomsNN@State.gov. The direct number for the office is 202-776-8420, fax 776-8482. *For updates on this meeting as well as future notices, please provide us with current email and fax numbers when you reply.* If you do not plan to attend the meeting, you are still welcome to provide these contact numbers so we can keep you up to date on PIL developments. **We look forward to seeing you in Washington!**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 6-7, 2008 ACPIL
MEETING**

Monday Oct.6

10:00 -- 10:30

Welcome, announcements, introductions

10:30 -- 12:00

PIL federalism issues: differences in proposed paths for implementation and resolution of federal-state balance in agreements such as the UNCITRAL E-commerce Convention, Hague Choice of Court Convention, UNCITRAL Bank Guarantee (LC) Convention, Hague Securities Convention, and the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support

12:00 -- 2:30

Luncheon program sponsored by George Washington University

2:30-3:45

Developing countries and procurement: international law and the government acquisition sector (UNCITRAL, OECD, World Bank, WTO); non-discrimination, transparency, anti-corruption; shift since 2000 from bilateral and multilateral direct aid to PFIP (privately financed infrastructure projects)

3:45 – 5:00

New UNCITRAL transportation convention: Will this be the end of disharmony since the 1920s or just another international instrument to add to the confusion? What are the implications for U.S. rail, road and sea carriage? What are the various competing U.S. interests?

Tuesday Oct.7

9:30-11:00

Organization of American States and CIDIP VII: consumer protection, including Brazilian, Canadian and US (FTC) proposals; implementation of the 2002 OAS CIDIP Model law on secured finance; Mexico City treaty

11-1:00

International family law: plans for implementation of the 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support; developments with the 1996 Hague Protection of Children Convention; report on entry into force for the United States of the 1993 Hague Adoption Convention; update on the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction; increasing importance of international family law as part of the consequences of globalization

1:00 – 2:30 lunch break

2:30--4:30 Commercial law treaties and trends for 2009

Hague Securities Convention and the draft UNIDROIT Securities Convention, dynamics of the EU-US relationship and the capital markets, rail and space satellite finance (Cape Town Convention), electronic commerce, intellectual property

4:30-5:00 Proposals for future PIL work

Topics not included because of time limitations or covered only by status reports will move to the top of the list for the next ACPIIL general meeting. We invite your suggestions for topics that should be covered next time.