

International Dispute Resolution: Protecting Your Client in the Global Economy

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Leila Sadat is the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law at Washington University School of Law and director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute since 2007. An award-winning scholar specializing in international criminal law and justice, she has published more than 90 books and articles in leading journals and academic presses throughout the world. She is currently serving as an Israel Treiman Faculty Fellow at Washington University Law School and as the Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda since December 2012. In 2012, she was elected to membership in the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations. In 2011, she was awarded the Alexis de Tocqueville Distinguished Fulbright Chair in Paris, France, the first woman to receive such an honor. Prior to joining the faculty at Washington University, she practiced international commercial law in Paris, France for several years. Sadat clerked for Judge Albert Tate, Jr., U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and for both the French *Conseil d'Etat* and the *Cour de Cassation*.



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Karen Tokarz is an internationally recognized expert in dispute resolution and clinical legal education, and a highly respected civil rights mediator. Director of the law school's Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Program, she is past director of the school's highly ranked Clinical Education Program. Professor Tokarz is a certified Neutral for the U.S. Dist. Ct., E.D. Mo., and serves on the Missouri Supreme Court ADR Commission and the U.S. U.S. Dist. Ct., E.D. Mo. ADR Advisory Committee. In 2008–09, she was a visiting scholar at the Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation. She has consulted on international dispute resolution as a Fulbright Senior Specialist at the University of Kwa Zulu-Natal in South Africa. She is the founder of the law school's Africa Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution Initiative and, over the past 13 years, has coordinated field placements for more than 170 law students with legal aid offices, human rights organizations, and tribunals in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Professor Tokarz is the recipient of several teaching and client advocacy awards, including Washington University's Founders Day Distinguished Faculty Award, the Student Bar Association Experiential Teaching Award, and the Black Law Students Association Legal Educator of the Year, and has been named to *Best Lawyers in America* in Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution since 2010.



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