To the Membership of the International Transportation Committee

Dear Committee Members:

Welcome to a new year of activity for the Committee.

Your Committee Leaders for this year are as follows:

Co-Chairs:

Stephen Snell and Dean Saul (Gowling, Lafleur, Henderson, Toronto and Ottawa, Canada)

Vice-Chairs:


In addition, your leaders are supported by an active Steering Committee which is open to all members who want to be more actively involved in the development and presentation of ITC programs. We encourage all of you who wish to participate in the work of the Steering Committee to send a note on to either of your Co-Chairs indicating your interest.

This marks the beginning of the third year of operations of the ITC, and plans for the current year include a number of recurring events together new initiatives in which your Committee seeks your active participation.

The following are opportunities for members of this Committee to be involved in the Committee and the Section of International Law:

1. **2007 Spring Meeting - Washington D.C. May 1 – May 5, 2007**

The ITC has received an invitation to submit program proposals for the 2007 Spring Meeting; and all program proposals are required to be delivered by **October 3, 2006**. Each program proposal must be concisely described as it is intended to appear in the meeting program brochure, and must include a list of proposed speakers. If you have an idea for a program proposal, please don’t hesitate to call or send it on to one of the Co-Chairs.

2. **Fall Meeting in Miami.**

The 2006 Fall Meeting of the ABA Section of International Law will be held in Miami from November 8-11 at the Westin Biltmore Hotel. This will be your first opportunity in the year to meet with members of your Committee as well as hundreds of other members of the Section attending from across the United States and other countries around the world. The Miami program will focus on a wide range of legal issues relating to doing business in and with the countries of Latin America.
There is still time to register and attend a host of interesting programs and many other networking activities that will be both informative and useful to you as a participant and practitioner.

3. **Year in Review.**

The Committee has the responsibility of preparing a concise analysis of key issues that have arisen in international transportation law throughout 2006. The deadline for delivery of the Committee’s contribution is **December 1, 2006**. If you would like to participate in preparation and delivery of our contribution this year, please contact either Co-Chair and join our *Year in Review* Report Committee.

4. **Section of International Law Teleconference Series.**

On January 23 and June 26, 2007, the Section will present two teleconference programs which have been specifically set aside for the Industries Committee division of which the ITC is a member.

It is your Committee’s intention to submit proposals for each of the teleconference dates.

The following are the program proposal deadline dates:

The January 23, 2007 teleconference – Program proposals to be delivered not later than **October 23, 2006**.

The June 26, 2007 teleconference program – Program proposals to be delivered not later than **March 26, 2007**.

We invite each of you to give consideration to an appropriate international transportation issue that you feel may be of interest to all of our members and appropriate for inclusion in the teleconference. Your proposal may focus on air, rail, road, water, or intermodal transportation. Once again, please forward all of your proposal suggestions to either Co-chair. Recognizing the deadline dates, we ask that you forward your suggestions and proposals at the earliest possible date.

5. **The ITC Issues List.**

Developing programs that are of interest to members of ITC, as well as many other members of the Section, is not an easy task. In order to assist in program development, we would like the assistance of all members in bringing to the Committee a continuous stream of topics and issues that may form the basis of a future program of the ITC. The membership’s collective experience in dealing with legal aspects of international transportation is an invaluable asset; and we ask that you share your experience and ideas with us for the benefit of our future program development plan.
6. The ITC Webpage and Committee Listserve

We invite you to review the ITC webpage at www.abanet.org/intlaw. Select the International Transportation Committee from the committee list and review the information available from our web page.

It is the Committee’s intention to significantly expand our webpage, and we ask any member of the Committee who would like to participate in the development and expansion of our webpage, or contribute to its content, to contact a Committee Co-Chair.

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