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## FEATURING:

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**The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements (2005),  
Introductory Note by Ronald A. Brand**

*The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements applies to international litigation and is designed to ensure that parties' choice of court agreements in international commercial transactions and other international civil matters are honored.*

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**Certified Award to Claimant Maria Victoria Altmann, Claims Resolution Tribunal, In  
Re Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation, Case No. CV96-4849,  
Introductory Note by Don Wallace, Jr.**

*The Claims Resolution Tribunal ("CRT") concluded that a Swiss Bank actively assisted in the forced sale of the claimants' shares by unlawfully transferring those shares that were held by the Bank to a designated Nazi purchaser at a small fraction of the shares' value, without having obtained unanimous consent of the parties to the Syndicate agreement. The CRT's award, of approximately \$22 million, has been the largest one given since the \$1.25 billion fund was established by a consortium of Swiss banks.*

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**NAFTA Chapter Eleven Arbitral Tribunal: Methanex Corporation v. United States of  
America, Final Award on Jurisdiction and Merits, Introductory Note by Barton Legum**

*The tribunal dismissed all of Methanex's claims and held that Methanex, as the unsuccessful party as to both jurisdiction and the merits of its claim, would bear the costs of the arbitration, in the total amount of \$1,071,539.21 (including interest). Methanex claimed that California regulations banning the sale and supply of California gasoline that has been produced with MTBE were discriminatory, sham environmental regulations put into place in order to benefit and protect the U.S. ethanol industry.*

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**Supreme Court of Canada: Mugesera v. Canada (Minister of Citizenship and  
Immigration), Introductory Note by Roberto A. Godoy**

*The Supreme Court of Canada ("The Court") found that Mr. Mugesera's speech fulfilled the requirements of persecution as a crime against humanity, and held that Mugesera was therefore inadmissible to Canada. The Court, which had previously held in Finta that all crimes against humanity require discriminatory intent, reviewed its jurisprudence in light of recent decisions of international criminal courts such as the ICTR and ICTY.*

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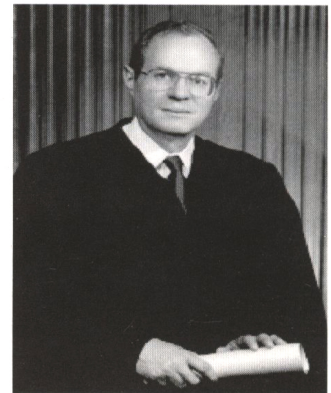


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