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Preface

The third edition of *International Dispute Resolution: Cases and Materials* provides students with a comprehensive and holistic understanding of the law and methods for resolving disputes with an international dimension. The book focuses on the established methods of negotiation, good offices, mediation, inquiry, conciliation, arbitration, and judicial settlement. These are the methods of contemporary law practice in a deeply inter-connected, yet contentious world.

The book began in a class taught by a practitioner of international dispute resolution, Sir Elihu Lauterpacht. He helped move the field from the preserve of foreign offices and a handful of law firms to a subject for the international community. Our aim in writing this book is to support this evolution. We understand that in doing so, we also help to fulfill our own commitments to peace, which is the fundamental purpose of IDR. The theme that unites these materials is the search for improvement. To serve humanity’s needs, IDR needs continual adaptation and dissemination. It is not enough to know how the methods work and what rules and principles govern them, it is imperative to consider how they can work better in the service of peace.

We have taken this theme to heart in searching for ways to improve this Third Edition over the Second. We have particularly sought greater inclusivity of global and culturally-diverse knowledge of what works to achieve peace. The study of IDR has suffered from an over-emphasis on elite Western perspectives, presupposing and explaining law that is of and for the world community. We believe you will find the result more engaging and more indicative of the world in which you will practice law. We do, however, consider this book a work in progress. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we provide resources online and in other ways seek to keep the book evolving. We hope to foster with this effort a culture of engagement in the study and practice of peaceful dispute resolution.

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