**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL LITIGATION**

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**Reading List**

**Unit 1 – Suing Transnational Defendants**

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[Note: All paginated assignments refer to the casebook (Childress, Ramsey & Whytock, *Transnational Law and Practice* (2d ed., Aspen, 2021)) or if designated as “in the supplement” they refer to the Fall 2023 Supplement to the casebook, available for download at <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4178684>.]

I. Personal Jurisdiction

A. Introduction to personal jurisdiction: pp. 383-387.

B. General jurisdiction: *Goodyear, Bauman* and related notes and questions, pp. 387-409.

C. Specific jurisdiction: *GT Securities, Asahi* and *J. McIntrye Machinery*, pp. 409-441, plus related material on pp. 9-10 in the supplement (notes on *Ford* and *Mallory*).

D. Other ways to establish personal jurisdiction, esp. FRCP Rule 4(k)(2), pp. 441-448, plus related material on p. 10 in the supplement (note on *Aquatherm*).

E. European perspectives on personal jurisdiction, pp. 449-451.

F. Review notes and questions on personal jurisdiction, pp. 451-452.

G. Subject matter jurisdiction in federal court, pp. 452-473 [skim].

II. Foreign Sovereign Immunity

A. Introduction to foreign sovereign immunity: pp. 799-800.

B. The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA), 28 U.S.C. §§1603, 1604, 1605, 1605A, 1605B, 1606 (available online).

C. The scope of the FSIA: what is a foreign state? *Dole Food v. Patrickson* and related notes and questions, pp. 800-809, plus related material on p. 18 in the supplement (note on *Turkiye Halk Bankasi*).

D. FSIA exceptions – waiver and commercial activity: pp. 809-839 and related material on p. 18 in the supplement (note on *Blenheim*).

E. FSIA exceptions – takings, tort and terrorism: pp. 839-850 and related materials on p. 19 in the supplement (notes on *Philipp*).

F. Procedure after finding an exception: pp. 19-20 in the supplement (note on *Cassirer* and FSIA Section 1606).

G. Non-FSIA immunities: pp. 850-860 and related material on p. 20 in the supplement (note on *Jam*).

H. Review notes and questions on foreign sovereign immunity, p. 871.

III. International Service of Process

A. Introduction: pp. 703-707.

B. Domestic service on foreign defendants: *Schlunk* and related notes and questions, pp. 707-712.

C. Service under the Hague Service Convention: pp. 712-723 and related material on pp. 13-14 in the supplement (note on email service), plus look at the materials relating to the Convention at the website of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, www.hcch.net

D. International service outside the Convention, pp. 724-730.

E. Service on foreign state defendants: pp. 867-871.

F. Review notes and questions on international service of process, p. 730.