**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL LITIGATION**

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**Reading List**

**Part 5 – Treaties and Customary International Law**

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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 2024 Supplement to the casebook, available for download at <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4178684>.]

I. Treaties in U.S. Law

1. Introduction to international law: pp. 149-169
2. Introduction to treaties and other international agreements: pp. 169-177
3. Self-execution and non-self-execution: pp. 177-193, esp. *Medellin v. Texas*.
4. Treaties and causes of action: pp. 193-199, esp. *McKesson v. Iran*.
5. Treaties and statutes: pp. 200-210, esp. *Fund for Animals*
6. Executive agreements: pp. 210-219, esp. Notes on pp. 218-219
7. Treaty interpretation: pp. 235-246, plus note on p. 9 in the Supplement on *Golan v. Saada*

II. Customary International Law in U.S. Law

1. The Alien Tort Statute, Phase I: pp. 254-270 (*Filartiga* and *Sosa*)
2. The Alien Tort Statute, Phase II: pp. 270-296 (*Kiobel* and *Jesner*), plus note on pp. 10-12 in the Supplement on *Nestlé v. Doe* and *Doe v. Cisco Systems*
3. Direct application of customary international law: pp. 296-305 (*McKesson* and *Paquete Habana*)
4. Using international law to interpret statutes: pp. 305-313