**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 2024 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. 13-14 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. 14 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. 23 in the supplement (note on *Turkiye Halk Bankasi*).

D. FSIA exceptions – waiver and commercial activity: pp. 809-839 and related material on p. 23 in the supplement (note on *Blenheim*).

E. FSIA exceptions – takings, tort and terrorism: pp. 839-850 and related materials on pp. 24-25 in the supplement (notes on *Philipp*).

F. Procedure after finding an exception: p. 25 in the supplement (note on *Cassirer* and FSIA Section 1606).

G. Non-FSIA immunities: pp. 850-860 and related material on p. 26 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. 18-19 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 (**available online** at 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.