2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on International Law

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of State	2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee on International Law	660

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/04/2024	04/04/2026	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	22 U.S.C. 2656	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
22 U.S.C. 2656	08/22/1986	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
1	0	0	0	1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End

he meeting provided an opportunity for the Legal Adviser to engage experts in the international law community on pending issues. Topics discussed included: (1) Artificial Intelligence, International Law, and America's Artificial Intelligence Action Plan; (2) The Intersection of International Law and Commercial Activities in Outer Space	02/12/2026 - 02/12/2026

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$844.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$517.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	$310.00	$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	$0.00	$0.00
18e. Total Costs	$1,671.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Advisory Committee provides a valuable

forum for a lively exchange of views on U.S. policy on important international law issues. The Committee accomplishes its purpose through these meetings by, for example, assisting the State Department monitor developments in public international law; suggesting areas where new international instruments or domestic legislation would be helpful; and offering technical expertise on instruments or the practice of international law. During FY2026, the Committee convened once for meaningful, open discussion among leading U.S. international law experts on various issues relating to international law. The discussion generated useful observations for the Legal Adviser and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys on the experts' analyses of current issues, providing alternative views, and flagging potential problems. The Committee's discussions on these matters serve to enhance their legal advice to the Secretary of State and the Department of State. In turn, these exchanges can provide Committee members – leading international lawyers – a better understanding of the Government's concerns and objectives.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee’s membership is composed of (i) former Legal Advisers; (ii) members of the private bar; and (iii) law school faculty members and representatives of professional associations focused on international law. Members reflect a variety of political viewpoints. Committee members are leaders or active participants in national and influential bar associations or other professional societies. Their participation in the Committee allows the U.S. Government not only to ascertain the views of these organizations but also to ensure that United States Government

positions are effectively disseminated to leading members of the U.S. international law community.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee meets at least once a year, or as necessary to provide the advice requested by the Legal Adviser or a Deputy Legal Adviser. The Legal Adviser, Acting Legal Adviser, or Principal Deputy Legal Adviser calls meetings of the Committee to obtain the Committee's views in light of pending issues. During FY 2026, the committee met once in a hybrid fashion with some in-person and some virtual attendees. During FY 2026, there will likely be a continued need for the Committee's consultation on current issues.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The exchanges among the Committee members – as well as between the members, the Legal Adviser, and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys – could not be duplicated; the openness and candor of members' advice, elicited during their interactions, is unparalleled. The Advisory Committee process provides an interactive means to obtain necessary expertise to inform Department functions on an uncompensated basis. The Committee provides a forum that does not exist elsewhere, at minimal cost, which ensures both an effective governmental process and that the public remains fully involved and informed. Moreover, the time and resources the Legal Adviser and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys save by soliciting such views through Committee meetings are considerable.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Committee provides advice through the open discussion in regularly held meetings. The Committee does not provide formal recommendations, and thus does not generate any reports. All members are recognized experts in international law. Meetings are held in order to give them an opportunity to comment and offer suggestions or insights to the Legal Adviser and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys on international legal challenges currently being addressed. Costs are incurred to plan and manage the meetings and prepare relevant background materials for members and attendees. The Committee is in the process of developing a website.

Designated Federal Officer

Shana Rogers Attorney-Adviser

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Amifar, Catherine	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Aswad, Evelyn	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bellinger, John	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Partner, Arnold & Porter	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bethlehem, Daniel	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Attorney	Representative Member
Brown Weiss, Edith	05/31/2024	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Georgetown Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Childress, Donald	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Pepperdine Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Damrosch, Lori	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Columbia Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Daugirdas, Kristina	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, University of Michigan Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
De Lisle, Jaques	05/31/2024	04/04/2026	Law Professor, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Deeks, Ashley	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, University of Virginia School of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dodge, William	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, George Wash. University Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Egan, Brian	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Eichensehr, Kristen	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Univ. of Virginia Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goodman, Ryan	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, NYU School of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hakimi, Monica	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Columbia Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hathaway, Oona	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Yale Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Helfer, Laurance	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Duke Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hollis, Duncan	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Temple Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ingber, Rebecca	06/07/2023	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Cardozo Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Darin	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Howard University School of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Keitner, Chimene	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, UC Hastings College of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Koh, Harold	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Yale Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Low, Lucinda	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mahoney, Curtis	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	Deputy General Counsel, Microsoft	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Matheson, Michael	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, George Washington Univ. Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Newstead, Jennifer	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Oxman, Bernard	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, University of Miami	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rashkow, Bruce	05/31/2024	04/04/2026	Attorney	Representative Member
Rubinstein, Reed	05/27/2025	04/04/2026	Legal Adviser	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Shaffer, Gregory	05/31/2024	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Georgetown Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sofaer, Abraham	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	George P. Shultz Distinguished Scholar and Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Swaine, Edward	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, George Washington Univ. Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thomas, Chantal	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vazquez, Carlos	12/08/2022	04/04/2026	Law Professor, Georgetown Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Visek, Rich	01/20/2021	04/04/2026	Acting Legal Adviser	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Washburn, Kevin	06/22/2022	04/04/2026	Dean and Law Professor, Iowa Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 36

Narrative Description

The Committee provides a valuable forum for a lively exchange of views on U.S. policy on important international law issues. Committee meetings continue to produce spirited and open discussion among leading U.S. international law experts, giving the Legal Adviser and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys useful observations concerning their analyses of current issues, providing alternative views, and flagging potential problems. These exchanges also give Committee members – leading U.S. international lawyers – a much better understanding of the Government's concerns and objectives. Committee members thoughtfully discuss relevant issues, providing comments and insights that aid in structuring the U.S. analyses and approaches on current topics involving vital U.S. interests. The Committee's advice to the Legal Adviser and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys, obtained solely through discussions in meetings, enhances their legal advice to the Secretary of State and the Department of State and benefited U.S. policy on important legal issues. The Committee’s membership comprises members of the private bar and private companies, as well as law school faculty members and representatives of professional associations. Members reflect a variety of political viewpoints. Committee members are leaders or active participants in national and influential bar associations or other professional societies. Their participation in the Committee allows the U.S. Government not only to ascertain the views of these organizations but also to ensure that U.S. Government positions are effectively disseminated to leading members of the U.S. international law community.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	✓
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☐
Unable to Determine	✓
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments

The advice, perspective, and experience provided by Committee members cannot be quantified.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments
Committee members are not asked for formal recommendations as a Committee, and therefore do not provide consensus recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
Because there have been no formal recommendations, none have been implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
Because there have been no formal recommendations, none have been partially implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☐ No ☑ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
Not Applicable. Committee members are not asked for formal recommendations as a Committee and so feedback is not warranted.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

Because there have been no formal recommendations, no actions have been taken as a result. The views of the Committee are taken into account, however.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?
No

Grant Review Comments
Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	✓
Online Agency Web Site	
Online Committee Web Site	
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	
Other	

Access Comments
The Advisory Committee on International Law does not publish reports. Please contact the DFO for additional information regarding the Committee or meeting minutes.