

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on International Law

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1. Department or Agency

Department of State

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on International Law

3b. GSA Committee No.

660

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/04/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/04/2026

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

22 U.S.C. 2656

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

22 U.S.C. 2656

13. Effective Date

08/22/1986

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides a valuable forum for a lively exchange of views on U.S. policy on important international law issues. During FY24, the Committee convened twice and produced spirited and open discussion among leading U.S. international law experts, thus providing the Acting Legal Adviser and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys useful observations concerning their analyses of current issues, providing alternative views, and flagging potential problems. In turn, these exchanges can provide Committee members – leading international lawyers – a better understanding of the Government's concerns and objectives. During FY 2024, the Committee considered various issues relating to international

law. The Committee's discussions on these matters with the Acting Legal Adviser and Office of the Legal Adviser attorneys serve to enhance their legal advice to the Secretary of State and the Department of State.

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 generally meets twice a year. 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 2024, the committee met twice in a hybrid fashion with some in person and some virtual attendees. During FY 2025, 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 Committee's membership includes former State Department Legal Advisers and many of the

nation's outstanding academics and practitioners in the field of public international law. Together, the Committee members constitute a unique reservoir of experience and expertise in international law and foreign policy. 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. 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. The members are generous in giving their unremunerated time and advice to the Department through the Committee.

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
Akande, Dapo	06/22/2022	01/30/2025	Attorney	Representative Member
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
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
Taylor, Margaret	09/23/2024	04/04/2026	Legal Adviser	Regular Government Employee (RGE) 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
Vissek, 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: 37

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.