2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Private International Law

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of State	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee on Private International Law	165

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	09/25/2023	09/25/2025	

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?
Title 22 U.S.C. 269g, 2651a & 2656	01/01/1972	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

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

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

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next 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 Advisory Committee accomplishes its purpose by assisting the State Department to monitor domestic and international developments in private international law and provides information to the Department for use in the development of United States positions for international efforts to negotiate uniform rules of private law by treaty, model national laws, and other means. The Advisory Committee assists in identifying subjects that the United States should propose or support as topics for international work, assessing the effects of proposed

international rules on U.S. interests, provides guidance for the formation of United States positions, and provides guidance on implementation of treaties, model laws, or other international legal texts that result from such work. The Committee normally holds one or more or more issue-specific meetings per year. The Committee generally holds one meeting each year to discuss general topics.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee reflects a balance of U.S. interests involved. Public participation at meetings is actively promoted. Federal members are by charter drawn from the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce and other agencies as appropriate.For other members, the Department undertakes to secure participation of individuals representing relevant opinions and interests relating to the Department's private international law agenda.Meetings and activities of the Committee are generally open allowing for all interested persons to participate. Public notice is provided for meetings. Members of the public who are unable to participate in a meeting are invited to provide input to the Department via other means.

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

The Committee normally holds one or more issue-specific meetings per year. The Committee generally holds one meeting each year to discuss general topics.

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

International development and unification of

private law generally involves issues of interest to private persons as well as the U.S. states. Moreover, this work often includes particular matters familiar to private practitioners. Neither the Department of State nor other federal agencies can provide the legal expertise in the many fields of private law involved. There is thus a critical need for the public to provide input, which the Department may consider in the formulation of policy. Moreover, private sector review is often helpful following negotiation of conventions and model national laws in order for the Department or other federal agencies to be able to assess whether the United States may wish to consider becoming a party to any proposed treaty or otherwise adopt the relevant law. The Advisory Committee process provides an interactive means to obtain necessary private-sector expertise to perform these 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.

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

Committee meetings are generally open. However, the Department may decide to close a meeting where, for example, candid discusion is needed to develop a position on a sensitive policy.

21. Remarks

Summary reports of any public meeting are available on the office website which is currently being revamped and will be updated in the near future. The URL for the Advisory Committee is https://www.state.gov/advisory-committee-on-private-international-law/

Designated Federal Officer

Joseph Khawam Attorney-Adviser

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Al-Sarraf, Adam	01/01/2021	12/23/2025	U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Commercial Law Development Program	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Baron, David	02/20/2019	12/31/2025	Crowell & Moring	Representative Member
Bellinger, John	07/09/2019	12/31/2025	Arnold & Porter	Representative Member
Bermann, George	02/20/2019	12/31/2025	Columbia Law School	Representative Member
Bosque, Ada	01/01/2021	12/31/2025	U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Foreign Litigation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bowker, David	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	WilmerHale	Representative Member
Brand, Ronald	10/01/1997	12/31/2025	University of Pittsburgh School of Law	Representative Member
Burman, Harold	10/01/1997	12/31/2023	Expert	Representative Member
Burrell, Lizabeth	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Independent Counselor	Representative Member
Buxbaum, Hannah	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Indiana University School of Law	Representative Member
Caplan, Lee	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	Arent Fox	Representative Member
Castello, James	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	King & Spalding	Representative Member
Childress, Donald	12/20/2021	12/30/2025	Pepperdine University School of Law	Representative Member
Coffee, Michael	10/01/2009	12/31/2025	Dept of Justice	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Cohen, Neil	11/28/2009	12/31/2025	Brooklyn Law School	Representative Member
Dorosin, Joshua	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Office of Legal Advisor	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Draemel, Sharla	09/04/2018	12/31/2023	Office of the Legal Adviser	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Elrod, Linda	09/15/2009	12/31/2025	Washburn University School of Law	Representative Member
Field, Richard	11/28/2009	12/31/2025	Law Office of Richard Field	Representative Member
Gabriel, Henry	07/01/2005	12/31/2025	Elon University	Representative Member
Giorgetti, Chiara	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	University of Richmond Law School	Representative Member
Hale, Bruce	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Modern Family Law	Representative Member
Henning, William	09/15/2009	12/31/2025	University of Alabama School of Law	Representative Member
Herrup, Paul	10/21/2020	12/21/2023	US Department of Justice, Office of Foreign Litigation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ingber, Rebecca	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Office of the Legal Advisor	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Joyce, Anne	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	US Department of State, Legal of Counsel Affairs	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Khawam, Joseph	03/01/2022	12/31/2025	Office of Private International Law	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kizer, Karin	06/15/2018	12/31/2025	Office of the Legal Adviser, Dept. of State	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kotuby, Chuck	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	Jones Day	Representative Member
Kucinski, Melissa	09/15/2009	12/31/2025	MK family Law	Representative Member
Lamm, Carolyn	10/01/1996	12/31/2025	White and Case	Representative Member
Loken, Keith	11/28/2003	12/31/2025	Expert	Representative Member
Lowry, Houston	10/01/1996	12/31/2025	Polivy, Lowry & Clayton LLC	Representative Member

Mandell, Lauren	10/21/2017	12/31/2025	Wilmerhale	Representative Member
Mooney, Charles	10/01/1996	12/31/2025	University of Penn Law School	Representative Member
Neuhaus, Joseph	11/18/2019	12/31/2025	Sullivan n Cromwell	Representative Member
Ossenova, Katerina	07/09/2017	12/31/2025	SEC, Security and Exchange Commission	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pottow, John	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	University of Michigan School of Law	Representative Member
Redmond, Christopher	09/15/2009	12/31/2025	Husch Blackwell Sanders, International Coordinating Committee	Representative Member
Sastry, Shubha	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	Office of the Legal Advisor	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Schnabel, Timothy	10/01/2012	12/31/2025	Uniform Law Commission	Representative Member
Sharpe, Jeremy	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	Shearman & Sterling	Representative Member
Silberman, Linda	09/15/2009	12/31/2023	New York University School of Law	Representative Member
Simowitz, Aaron	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Williamette University School of Law	Representative Member
Smedinghoff, Thomas	10/20/2017	12/31/2025	Law Office of Thomas J Smedinghoff	Representative Member
Smith, Edwin	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	Morgan and Lewis	Representative Member
Stanford, Krysta	10/27/2022	12/31/2025	Department of Justice	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stewart, David	09/15/2009	12/31/2025	Georgetown University Law School	Representative Member
Strong, Stacie	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Emory University Law School	Representative Member
Teitz, Louise Ellen	09/15/2009	12/31/2023	Roger WIlliams University School of Law	Representative Member

Thornton, Nicole	12/20/2021	12/31/2023	Office of International Claims and Investment Disputes	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Tomlinson, Ashley	12/20/2021	12/31/2025	Laura Dale & Associates	Representative Member
Trooboff, Peter	10/01/1996	12/31/2025	Covington & Burling	Representative Member
Wallace, Don	10/01/1996	12/31/2025	International Law Institute	Representative Member
Weise, Steven	11/28/2009	12/31/2025	Proskauer Rose	Representative Member
Whytock, Christopher	10/21/2019	12/31/2025	University of California, Irvine School of Law	Representative Member
Winship, Peter	10/01/1997	12/31/2025	Southern Methodist University	Representative Member
Yackee, Jason	11/18/2019	12/31/2025	Wisconsin Law School	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 58

Narrative Description

The Committee provides pro bono expertise to assist the Department as it develops positions on international private law matters arising usually in the work of intergovernmental bodies, such as the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL); the Hague Conference on Private International law; and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).

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

Guidance concerns formulation of uniform international law standards in private law fields such as commerce, transportation, judicial and arbitral processes, and international family law.

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

Considerable benefits acrue to U.S. interests on commercial law, transportation and judicial and arbitral process, although identifying actual savings or increased commercial benefits is not readily feasible. Similarly, in the family law field, benefits achieved cannot readily be quantified in terms of cost.

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

50

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations have been made in recent years. In recent years, the participants in the Committee meetings have been convened to allow for discussion.

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

35%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

We have not had any new recomendations recently. At most, we have taken additional steps to fully implement past recomendations.

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

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

We have not had any new recommendations recently. At most, we have taken additional steps to work toward implement past recomendations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☑ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

General consultation between the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law (L/PIL), the office within the Legal Adviser's Office responsible for managing the Advisory Commmittee, and Bureaus within the Department of State, such as the Bureaus of International Organizations, Economic and Business Affairs, Consular Affairs and others. Feedback can be found on the PIL website at https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/secretary-of-state/office-of-the-legal-adviser/office-of-the-a

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

Some activities in private international law result in proposals to Congress for adoption of multilateral treaties.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

N/A