**2025 ASIL Midyear Meeting**

**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

**Practitioners’ Forum**

Hosted by Jones Day

In partnership with Cleveland State University College of Law

*901 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114*

\*Buses will be provided from CWRU School of Law to Jones Day at 11:15 AM

11:30 am: Practitioners’ Forum check-in opens

11:30 am – 12:00 pm: Buffet Lunch

12:00 – 12:45 pm: **Keynote** – Judge Leo Gordon, US Court of International Trade

1:00 – 2:15 pm: **Navigating the Global Legal Minefield—What Keeps Leading General**

**Counsel Up at Night?**

This dynamic panel brings together the chief legal officers of five industry-leading organizations—Sherwin-Williams, Avery Dennison, Park Place Technologies, Cleveland Clinic, and Rocket Lab—to share candid insights on the most pressing international legal challenges facing their businesses today. Each panelist brings a unique perspective shaped by the global footprint and sector-specific complexities of their organization. Together, these general counsels will discuss the international legal issues that keep them up at night—from geopolitical instability, tariffs, and sanctions, to data protection, ESG compliance, and the impact of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence. The panel will explore practical strategies for managing legal risk, ensuring compliance, and supporting business innovation in an increasingly complex and interconnected world. Attendees will gain invaluable, real-world perspectives on how legal departments at the forefront of their industries are navigating today’s global legal minefield.

*Panelists:*

* **Betsy Dellinger**, Park Place Technologies
* **Mary Garceau**, Sherwin Williams
* **Deborah Gordon**, Cleveland Clinic
* **Arjan Kampani**, Rocket Lab
* **Sanjiv Kapur** [moderator], Jones Day
* **Igancio Walker**, Avery Dennison

2:30 – 3:45 pm: **Algorithms on Trial: Navigating the Nine-Figure Litigation Minefield of Generative AI**

Generative AI is rapidly reshaping business, but legal risks and governance remain fragmented. This program offers a global, cross-disciplinary look at the escalating litigation threats facing companies, highlighted by headline cases like Anthropic’s proposed nine-figure copyright settlement. Panelists will compare regulatory approaches, discuss how existing legal frameworks are being adapted, and provide practical strategies for anticipating and mitigating generative AI litigation—equipping attendees to navigate a landscape where a single misstep can have massive consequences.

*Panelists:*

**● Sandip Beri,** partner of Shardul Amarchand & Mangaldas, a leading Indian law firm and former General Counsel for South Asia of Citibank and GE Credit

**● David Carney,** Case Western Reserve University School of Law

**● Jose Gonzalez-Magaz,** General Counsel of Lubrizol

**● Milena Sterio**, [moderator]Cleveland State University College of Law

**● Lawrence Wiener,** founding partner of the Argentine law firm Wiener, Soto, Caparros.

2:30 – 5:30 pm: **AJIL Board of Editors meeting** [by invitation only]

4:00 – 4:45 pm: **Closing Remarks** – Rt. Hon. Alex Chalk KC, former UK Lord Chancellor

and Secretary of State for Justice

**Opening Reception**

*Cleveland Botanical Garden*

*11030 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106*

\*Buses will be provided from Jones Day at 5:00 PM

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Cocktails and Conversation

7:00 – 8:00 pm: **Dinner Keynote** – Mark Ellis, Executive Director, International Bar Association

 **Friday, September 26, 2025**

**Research Forum**

Hosted by Case Western Reserve University School of Law

*11075 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106*

7:45am Research Forum check-in opens

8:00 am – 12:30 pm **ASIL Executive Council meeting** [by invitation only]

Active Learning Classroom (A62)

8:45 – 10:15 am **Pursuing a Career in International Law**

The market for legal jobs is difficult, and specializing in a particular issue, like international law, can make your job search even more frustrating. This workshop will cover steps that all students and new professionals can take to help stand out in the search for an international law job, including: (1) Targeted job searching; (2) Identifying appropriate international experiences; (3) Pursuing valuable volunteer opportunities; and (4) Membership in professional organizations. There will also be time for questions from participants.

*Presenter:* Taylor Kilpatrick is the Senior Programs Manager at the American Society of International Law. Prior to joining the Society, she completed an international judicial clerkship in Palau. She graduated from the George Washington University Law School in 2021.

10:45 am – 12:15 pm **Publishing Tips with the AJIL Editors-in-Chief**

Join Ingrid Brunk and Monica Hakimi, Editors-in-Chief of the American Journal of International Law (AJIL), Neha Jain, AJIL Board member, and Meaghan Kelly, AJIL Administrative Editor, for a discussion on writing and publishing international legal scholarship, especially in the Journal. They will discuss the craft of international legal scholarship, the opportunities to publish in AJIL, and some tips for navigating the peer review process. The session is aimed at early career scholars and first-time authors who might be interested in submitting future work to AJIL, but everyone is welcome!

*Panelists:*

* **Ingrid Brunk**, Co-Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of International Law, Helen Strong Curry Chair in International Law, Vanderbilt University Law School
* **Monica Hakimi**, Co-Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of International Law, William S. Beinecke Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
* **Neha Jain**, Board Member, American Journal of International Law, Professor of Law and Deputy Director of the Northwestern Buffet Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law
* **Meaghan Kelly**, Administrative Editor, American Journal of International Law

12:15 – 1:45 pm Lunch Break

 [a list of local lunch options in the area will be provided]

12:30 – 1:30 pm **ASIL Midwest Interest Group Lunch and Conversation Networking Session**

Please join the ASIL Midwest Interest Group for an informal Lunch and Conversation. This will be an opportunity to get to know one another, network, discuss ongoing work projects, and brainstorm other ideas for the Interest Group. The session will be hosted by ASIL Midwest Co-Chair, Milena Sterio. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

1:45 – 3:15 pm **Research Forum Session I**

**AI Governance**

* *The Trouble with AI Sovereignty -* Vivek Krishnamurthy
* *Global AI Governance: Competing Models and the Reach of the Brussels Effect* - Bridget Roddy
* Discussant - Eric Chaffee

**Legal Frameworks of Non-Discrimination**

* *The Rights Puzzle: Addressing the Linkages Between Nondiscrimination and Substantive Rights -* Elizabeth Flatley & Jean Galbraith
* *Blaxit: The Economic & Human Cost of Historic Racism, Recent Supreme Court Decisions and Anti-Woke Laws* - Shantanice Vaxter
* *Bridging Divides, Building Futures – A Comparative Legal Analysis of Affirmative Action in Higher Education -* Irene Rhodes
* Discussant - Reginald D. Oh

**The Rights of Children**

* *The Rescue Defense -* Cody Corliss
* *Child Welfare and Global Governance: A New Framework for Cross-Border Accountability* - Bailee Gibbs & Megan Ryan
* *Sharenting & Child Rights in the Age of Platform Capitalism -* UnyimeAbasi Odong & Christiana Essie Sagay
* Discussant - Rosa Celorio

**Theories of Justice**

* *Criminal Statecraft -* Asaf Lubin
* *Seizing Responsibility: International Investment Law's Shifting Understanding of Jurisdiction in Occupied and Annexed Territory -* Lena Raxter
* *From Generation to Generation: Older People and Ageism in Violent Conflict*- Alexis Shanes
* Discussant - Avidan Cover

**US Foreign Relations Law**

* *Executive Gatekeeping -* Steven Koh
* *The Patterns of Paradiplomacy: An Empirical Study of U.S. State Agreements with Foreign Governments* - Barbara Koremenos & Ryan Scoville
* *Procedural Imperialism -* Alveena Shah
* Discussant - Harlan Cohen

3:15 – 3:45 pmCoffee Break

3:45 – 5:15 pm **Research Forum Session II**

**Evaluating the Efficacy of Tools of International Order**

* *Three weak legs: The Erosion of One Country Two Systems in Hong Kong -* John Gaudette
* *Erga Omnes Obligations: A Doctrine of Collective Enforcement and Solidarity* - José María Olvera Amado
* *The Role of International, Regional, and Domestic Courts in Transitions Towards Peace and Security -* Milena Sterio
* Discussant - David Stewart

**Global Health Law**

* *Pandemic Preparedness and the IMF: Implications from the Democratic Republic of Congo -* Olamide Abiose
* *Pandemic Agreement: a new era of international health cooperation?* - Tsung-Ling Lee
* *Paradigm Shifts in International Law: IP Protection and U.S.-China Cross-Border Cancer Care -* Mengyue (J.P.) Li
* Discussant - Roojin Habibi

**ISDS and Climate**

* *The International Trilemma of Liberalization, Security, and Sustainability -* Leonardo Borlini & Stephen Park
* *Green Transition Dilemma: An Interactional Approach -*  Ji Ma
* Discussant - Ashika Singh

**Redefining the Law of Armed Conflict for the Digital Age**

* *Computing the Law of Armed Conflict: Operationalised Steps After The Debate -* Anna Bohdanets
* *Ethical Algorithms and the Reasonable Military Commander Standard in the Law of Armed Conflict -*  Aliki Semertzi
* Discussant - Michael Kelly

**Sovereign Debt and Beyond**

* *The Governing Law Duopoly in Sovereign Bonds: The Puzzling Persistence of New York and English Law-* Ali Hakim & Kate Yoon
* *Sovereign Sukuk: Too Uncertain to Fail* - Zachary Mollengarden
* *New Creditor, Old Regime: Towards an International Law on Sovereign Debt -*  Kangle Zhang
* Discussant - Jack Turner

**Dinner & Museum Reception**

Sponsored by Richard W. Pogue, former Managing Partner, Jones Day

*Rock and Roll Hall of Fame*

*1100 E 9th St, Cleveland, OH 44114*

\*buses will be provided

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Cocktails with Case Western Faculty-Student Band

7:00 – 7:30 pm: Buffet Dinner

7:30 – 9:30 pm: Museum Exploration (exclusive to Midyear Meeting participants)

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**Research Forum**

Hosted by Case Western Reserve University School of Law

*11075 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106*

8:15 am Research Forum check-in opens

8:30 – 10:00 am **WILIG Coffee and Conversation** **–** **networking coffee session**

 “Ben’s Place”

WILIG serves as a platform for mentorship, growth, and advocacy, empowering women who are making their mark in international law and guiding aspiring professionals. Join us for a 90-minute session over coffee and pastries dedicated to fostering connections between seasoned professionals and rising international lawyers and scholars while gaining insights into WILIG's programming and initiatives.

9:00 – 10:30 am  **Research Forum Session III**

**Access to Justice**

* *Challenging National Security List Designations in U.S. Courts -* Ruowen Shi
* *Americans in Chinese Courts* - Yanbai Andrea Wang
* *Ritualizing Civil Party Participation Toward Reconciliation: Rethinking Victim-Centered Justice -*  Yuyan (Nicole) Zhang
* Discussant - Ingrid Brunk

**Cyber Campaigns and International Security**

* *Governing in the Shadows: Cyber Espionage, Epistemic Asymmetry, and the Reorientation of International Law -* Janakan Muthukumar
* *Legality of Fraudfare* - Tymur Mykhailov
* *Russia’s Cyber Campaigns and the Future of Warfare: Lessons for International Law and Taiwan -*  Emily Yang
* Discussant - Asaf Lubin

**International Trade Law**

* *International Trade Law After Non-Discrimination -* Sannoy Das
* *What Are Trade Agreements 'Really' for?* - Mario Osorio Hernandez
* *Global Supply Chain Resilience in Emerging Technologies: A Case Study of Bitcoin Mining -*  Kish Parella & Carla Reyes
* Discussant - Guillermo Garcia Sanchez

**Strategic Use of Non-State Actors**

* *Exporting Accountability: The EU's Sustainability Mandate and Its Global Legal Reach* - Anat Alon- Beck & Galila Rivlin
* *Geopolitics, Nonmarket Strategies of Multinational Corporations, and the Reordering of Transnational Governance* - Ji Li
* Discussant - Rumu Sarkar

**Treaty Interpretation**

* *The Concept of 'Due Regard' in the Outer Space Treaty* - Rossana Deplano
* *Deference in Treaty Interpretation After Loper Bright v. Raimondo -* Paul Dubinsky
* *Drafting Without Mandate: Informal Norm-Making in International Human Rights Law -*  Roojin Habibi
* Discussant - Jean Galbraith

10:30 – 11:00 amCoffee Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Research Forum Session IV**

**The Evolving International Economic Order**

* *The International Economic Lawyers and the Abandonment of Economic Justice* - Sagnik Das
* *The Rise of the Authoritarian Economic Order -* Guillermo Garcia Sanchez
* *The Takings Counterrevolution -*  Andrew Larkin
* Discussant - Kish Parella

**Global Governance**

* *Transforming Global Governance: From Treaty-Based Mechanisms to Soft-Law Policymaking* - I-Ching Chen
* *Privatizing International (Organizations) Law -* MJ Durkee
* *Creeping Alliances in Foreign Policy Choices: A World of Clusters and the Outline of a Fragmented World Order -*  Kerem Gülay
* Discussant - Mehtab Khan

**Human Rights International Legal Theory**

* *The Human Right to Self-Determination* - Evan Criddle
* *Human Rights, Between Peace and Dignity -*  Ryan Liss
* Discussant - Talin Hitik

**The Landscape of Accountability**

* *Prefiguring Transitional Justice in Colombia* - Margaret deGuzman
* *The Rise of Accountability Mechanisms: The Next Wave of International Justice? -* Jacqueline McAllister
* *Mapping the Invisible: A Typology of De Facto Amnesties and the Shifting Landscape of Accountability -* Francois Naaman
* Discussant - James Johnson

**Regulating Technological Innovations**

* *Cleantech Battle: International Trade Law and the European Union's Pursuit of a 'Level Playing Field* - Mandy Meng Fang
* *Buying Power, Shifting Paradigms: Public Procurement as a Battleground for Transatlantic Tech Sovereignty -* Kevin A. Laurent & Martin Puthet
* *Innovation in Cross-Border Payments: Feasibility and Regulation of Digital Currency Transaction Methods -* Dongmei Pang
* Discussant - Ji Li

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch Break

[a list of local lunch options in the area will be provided]

12:30 – 1:30 pm **NPIG Speed Networking Lunch**

 “Ben’s Place”

Join the ASIL New Professionals Interest Group (NPIG) for a “Speed Networking” lunch where participants will rotate every 5 minutes for 7–8 short conversations. With this session, the NPIG aims to create meaningful professional and mentoring connections among ASIL members, especially students and early-career participants.

2:00 – 3:30 pm **Research Forum Session V**

**Comparative Law**

* *Decolonizing Law and Development through Indigenous Legal Orders and International IP Regimes* - Paolo Davide Farah
* *Intrastate Legal Pluralism in a Unified Arbitration System: Empirical Insights from Vietnam -* Linh Hoang Tu Tran
* *The Unspeakable Unspoken: Terrorist Imagery, Symbolic Expression and the Shifting Boundaries of Free Speech -* Ayşe Yağmur Tunçak
* Discussant - Rafael Porrata-Doris

**Innovative Approaches to Address Climate Change**

* *The Role of International Environmental Tribunals in Resolving Benefit-Sharing Disputes Involving Small Island Developing States -* Marc Bennett
* *Governance for Planetary Health: Harmonizing International Law for People and Planet* - Matthew Carvalho
* *Climate-Change Compensation Funds: Why We Need Them, How to Make Them Work -* Marsha Garrison
* Discussant - Jonathan Gordon

**International Investment Law**

* *Soft Multilateralism Modernizing Hard Bilateralism: Lessons from International Extradition Regime* - Bin Cheng
* *Corporate Nationality, Foreign Investor Protection, and Public Interest -* Vera Korzun
* *From Asymmetry to Equity: Rethinking Investor Conduct in Investment Treaties -* Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg
* Discussant - To Be Announced

**Intersecting International Economic Law and National Security Law**

* *Fishy Lawfare: Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing as a Security Threat* - Jill Goldenziel
* *Catch-All Regulations and Export Control -* Bashar Malkawi
* *Grounding Economic Security in Law: Procedural Guardrails from State Practice -* Dah-Wei Yih
* Discussant - Stephen Petras

**Reorienting the ICC**

* *The ICC's Struggle for Cooperation in a Shifting Global Order -* Fawad Poya
* *Ecocide and the International Criminal Court: Reassessing the African Union-ICC Impasse -* Ikechukwu Ugwu
* Discussant - Steven Hill

3:30 – 4:00 pmCoffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 pm **Research Forum Session VI**

**Accountability under International Legal Frameworks**

* *Guilty by (Technocratic) Association: Responsibility for Complicity in Human Rights Violations Through Counterterrorism Capacity Building* - Cláudio Cerqueira B. Netto
* *Institutional Authority without Ratification: Rethinking International Organizations' Governance in the Post-Treaty Era -* Izadora Coutinho
* *Examining the Complex relationship between Jus ad Bellum and Jus in Bello: A Case Study of Military Interventions by the Alliance for Sahel States -* Reuben Imarha
* Discussant - Milena Sterio

**Climate Justice**

* *Participation of Non-State Actors in International Climate Change Advisory Opinions* - Matei Alexianu & Hannah Sweeny
* *Ecocide in Armed Conflict: Legal, Ethical, and Jurisdictional Implications of the Kakhovka Dam Destruction -* Cornelis Yerikho Lengkong
* *Reforming International Dispute Settlement for the Climate Era: Procedural Pathways to Climate Justice -* Jiake (Jackie) Li
* Discussant - Michael Scharf

**Complicity in Armed Conflict**

* *State Complicity and the Threshold of Knowledge: From Fragmentary Evidence to Evidentiary Saturation* - Christina Bradic
* *The Syria Syndrome: The Fragmentation of Article 2(4) and the Rise of Ad Hoc Legality -* Fatma Nur Calisici
* *Third Parties in Armed Conflict: Aid to a Victim State-* Gregory Fox
* Discussant - Sasha Greenawalt

**Reimagining Gender in International Law - sponsored by the Women in International Interest Group**

* *Novel Networks of Violence Normative Gaps in Addressing Violence Against Women, Technologically Facilitated Harm, and State Inaction*- Trinity Fritz Lawrence & Alex Mysler
* *Law and Petro-Masculinity -* Monica Visalam Iyer
* *Invisible Victims, Visible Violence: Rethinking Genocide through a Gendered Lens -* Hokbi Tiunn
* Discussant - Hannah Garry

**Structures of ISDS**

* *Dual Nationality or Nationality as Dual: Unveiling a Novel Perspective on the Double Nationality Dilemma in ISDS* - Fang Gu
* *Layers of Legitimacy in ISDS -* Irene Ten Cate
* *Reconciling Investor Protection and Environmental Regulation Through a Structured Balancing Test in ISDS* - Aparna Vaitla
* Discussant - Joseph Klingler

**Closing Keynote**

Sponsored by Lubrizol

*Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom*

*11038 Bellflower Rd, Cleveland, OH 44106*

6:00 – 7:00 pm: **Keynote Fireside Chat** – Ambassador Rena Lee, Singapore’s Ambassador for

International Law, in conversation with Bryce Rudyk, Alliance of Small Island

States (AOSIS)

*Jolly Scholar Campus Pub*

*11111 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106*

7:00 – 9:00 pm: Dinner & Drinks