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DEDICATION:
PROFESSOR HIRAM E. CHODOSH

The Editorial Board of the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* would like to extend its deepest congratulations to Professor Hiram Chodosh on his recent appointment as Director of the Fredrick K. Cox International Law Center.

Under his guidance, the Journal of International Law and the Cox Center have further expanded their joint efforts in the pursuit of excellence in the field of international law.

Professor Chodosh's commitment to the Center is evident in his enthusiasm and support for the multitude of Cox Center initiatives. Since his appointment as Director in August, the Cox Center has hosted numerous visiting scholars both from the United States and abroad, and fostered student involvement in various ongoing international legal reform projects, while playing an active role in student career development. Professor Chodosh's extensive work with the Cox Center has further defined Case Western Reserve School of Law as an institution on the cutting edge of international and comparative legal scholarship.

Professor Chodosh earned a B.A. in History from Wesleyan University, graduating in the top 1% of his class, and received his J.D. from Yale Law School. After graduating from law school, Professor Chodosh practiced with the New York law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, representing foreign corporations in commercial transactions and transnational complex litigation.

Professor Chodosh began his teaching career at Case Western Reserve Law School in 1993. His courses include Comparisons of Law, Conflicts of Laws, Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, and a first-year elective course, Global Perspectives. Prior to his 1998 appointment as Director of the Fredrick K. Cox International Center, he served on the University Deans' Task Force on International Programs. He currently sits on both the law school's Colloquium and Litigation committees. He also served as Director of Comparative Legal Studies from 1993-1998. He has served as faculty advisor to the Journal of International Law since 1993, and is actively involved in a broad range of local, national, and international academic and professional associations.

Professor Chodosh's expertise in international and comparative law spans the entire globe. He has studied or worked in thirteen foreign countries. He has also participated in the organization of numer-

ous law reform projects, seminars, and conferences. Professor Chodosh works extensively with the Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems (ISDLS), based in San Francisco, California. With ISDLS, he has served as Senior Legal Reporter and Academic Specialist under grants from the U.S. Information Agency for legal reform projects, in conjunction with various foreign ministries of justice and supreme courts. His legal process reform efforts include projects with the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, India, Pakistan, the Palestinian Territories, Tunisia, Italy, and the People's Republic of China.

His numerous publications include *Comparing Comparisons*, 84 IOWA L. REV. (forthcoming 1999), *Indian Civil Justice System Reform: Limitation and Preservation of the Adversarial Process*, 30 N.Y.U. INT'L L. & POL. 1 (1998) (with Stephen A. Mayo, A.M. Ahmadi & Abhishek Singhvi), *The Palestinian Legal Study: Consensus and Assessment of the New Palestinian Legal System*, 38 HARV. INT'L L. J. 375 (1997) (with Stephen A. Mayo), *Egyptian Civil Justice Process Modernization: A Functional and Systemic Approach*, 17 MICH. J. INT'L L. 865 (1996) (with Stephen A. Mayo, Fathi Naguib, & Ali El Sadek), *An Interpretive Theory of International Law: The Distinction Between Treaty and Customary Law*, 28 VAND. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 973 (1995), *Neither Treaty nor Custom: The Emergence of Declarative International Law*, 26 TEX. J. INT'L L. 87 (1991), and *Swap Centers in the People's Republic of China: A Step toward Partial Convertibility of Local Currency*, 25 INT'L LAW. 415 (1991). He also co-authored and edited HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS: A HANDBOOK FOR ACTION (Carolina Academic Press, 1990) (with ADAM BERGER & RONALD SLYE). His upcoming book, MIDDLE EASTERN CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEMS: ASSESSMENT AND REFORM (Kluwer Law International), co-authored with Stephen A. Mayo, is expected out in 1999.

While his extraordinary accomplishments and legal scholarship place him among the nation's top internationalists and comparativists, it is his dedication to and love for teaching which truly endears him to his students. His courses offer some of the most interactive and innovative teaching methodologies that our law school has to offer. He brings to each class his wide array of international experiences and encourages each of his students to actively pursue their own. Meanwhile, his dedication to international scholarship spans the nation. For example, he is an active participant in a continuing Yale Seminar on Law and Economy in the Middle East, and will participate in an upcoming University of Michigan School of Law Symposium on Transnational Crime (scheduled for February of 1999).

The Editors of the Journal of International Law would like to welcome him to his new position as Director of the Cox International Law Center and thank him for his longstanding support. Both he and the Cox International Law Center are a driving force behind the Journal's 1998-1999 Symposium on *The Legal Foundations for Peace and Prosperity in the Middle East* (Volume 31, Issue #2), which includes some of the nation's top legal scholars specializing in the Middle East. We look forward to a close and long-lasting relationship with Professor Chodosh, both as advisor to the Journal of International Law and as Director of the Cox International Law Center.

Thus, in honor of his recent appointment and his constant guidance and encouragement, we would like to dedicate this first issue of Volume 31 to Professor Hiram E. Chodosh.

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