

LAWS513-11C (HAM) INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

Taught from 29 June to 6 July.



The principal objective of this course is to introduce students to the rules governing international sales contracts and international investment transactions. With respect to international sales, we will focus on the rules that determine what law applies to an international sales contract and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, which creates a distinct set of contract law rules for international sales transactions. The main goal for this part of the course is to help students to develop an integrated and practical approach to identifying and dealing with the legal issues in international sales contracts. International investment law consists largely of a web of more than 2,500 bilateral investment treaties and investment commitments in hundreds of free trade agreements. These treaty obligations seek to protect foreign investors from discriminatory and unfair treatment by host country governments and, as a result, encourage foreign investment. Students will examine the nature of the obligations imposed on host states for the benefit of foreign investors and the investor-state dispute settlement procedures which allow foreign investors to seek compensation through binding arbitration where a host state has failed to meet its obligations. The course will help students to understand both how investment treaty obligations can be relied on by investors to protect their interests and what constraints such obligations impose on host country governments and their ability to regulate.



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Tony VanDuzer graduated from the Common Law Section in 1982. He is currently a Professor and a member of the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies. Previously, he was the Vice Dean of the English Program (1994-5) and Vice Dean (Research) of the Section (2006-8). Prior to joining the Section in 1989, he practised corporate and commercial law in Toronto with Fasken & Calvin (now Fasken Martineau).

At the law school Professor VanDuzer teaches a number of upper year courses on domestic and international business law as well as acting as the faculty advisor to the Section's teams participating in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Outside the law school, Professor VanDuzer has taught more than 20 short courses to officials from Canadian government departments and more than a dozen foreign states on various trade and investment issues both in Canada and abroad. He has also taught in the University of Ottawa Executive MBA program at the Queen's University International Studies Centre and the Faculty of Law at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Muenster in Germany.

Professor VanDuzer's main area of interest is international trade and investment. He was a member of the Academic Advisory Council to the Deputy Minister for International Trade and has participated in technical assistance projects relating to business and trade law involving a number of transition and developing economies, including Armenia, Bangladesh, China, El Salvador, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Thailand, Ukraine and Vietnam. He has acted as an outside legal assessor for the Central and East European Law Initiative of the American Bar Association in reviewing a draft Foreign Trade Law for Bosnia-Herzegovina and a draft Competition Protection Act for Bulgaria. He worked as a foreign expert advising on the development of a new foreign trade law for Russia which was passed by the Duma in 2005. He is currently working with Professor Simons and Professor Mayeda developing a new model bilateral investment treaty based on sustainable development principles for the Commonwealth Secretariat.

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