

## Editor's Foreword

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This short treatise is the twenty-third book in the Procedural Aspects of International Law Monograph Series, the second in the Series to be published by Transnational Publishers, Inc.<sup>1</sup> A sequel to *International Claims: Their Settlement by Lump Sum Agreements*, co-authored by the late Richard B. Lillich and myself in 1975, it is devoted to an analysis of sixty-nine lump sum agreements concluded or made public since the publication of that 1975 study.<sup>2</sup> In Part I, questions such as the extent to which the sixty-nine bilateral agreements resemble or differ from one another, from those agreements concluded and made public before 1975, and from outcomes reached elsewhere via both related and unrelated adjudicative processes are raised and answered. Also raised are questions manifestly central to the Law of International Claims and State Responsibility, for example, what claimants are regarded as “eligible,” what wrongs to aliens are to be regarded as compensable, what measure of damages should be paid, and so forth. In Part II, each of the sixty-nine lump sum agreements that are the focus of this study are set forth in chronological order. The task of obtaining, translating (where necessary), and editing each of the lump sum agreements contained in Part II comprised a large part of the creation of this volume.

With the publication of this volume, the Procedural Aspects of International Law Monograph Series now can boast a full six volumes aimed at reformulating a contemporary Law of International Claims and State Responsibility. In addition to this volume, and the 1975 Lillich-Weston study already mentioned, may be noted the following four volumes: R. Lillich, *International Claims: Their Adjudication by National Commissions* (1962); R. Lillich, *International Claims: Postwar British Practice* (1967); B. Weston, *International Claims: Postwar French Practice* (1971); and R. Lillich & B. Weston, *International Claims: Contemporary European Practice* (1982).<sup>3</sup> This achievement is the consequence, as is well known, of the vision and

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<sup>1</sup> See the page immediately following the Index for the other titles in the Procedural Aspects of International Law Monograph Series. Volumes 1–18 are available from William S. Hein & Company, 1285 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209-1987 (tel: + 800-828-7571; fax: + 716-883-8100; email: <wsheinco@class.org>). Volumes 19–21 are available from The University of Pennsylvania Press, Blockley Hall, 418 Service Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6097 (tel: + 800-445-9880).

<sup>2</sup> Volume 12 in the Procedural Aspects of International Law Monograph Series (*see supra* note 1).

<sup>3</sup> Respectively, volumes 1, 6, 9 and 15 in the Procedural Aspects of International Law Monograph Series (*see supra* note 1).

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perseverance of my colleague, Richard B. Lillich, who died unexpectedly two and a half years ago.

Richard Lillich's life and considerable achievements have been memorialized at some length elsewhere.<sup>4</sup> But this particular Editor's Foreword would be incomplete were it not to acknowledge with great appreciation not only Professor Lillich's major contributions to this volume, but, as well, his role as founder of the Procedural Aspects of International Law Monograph Series in 1962 and, later, for many years, its Editor. Richard dedicated his life to building a world rule of law for all people in all places at all times. He knew that grand buildings can small bricks make, and it is for this reason that, before he died, he dedicated himself assiduously to the further development of the Monograph Series, including the completion of this book. This volume—and the scholarly disposition it represents—shows that the building of the world rule of law is slow and demanding, but that above all it takes dedication and commitment.

It also shows that professional collaborations can be truly rewarding, both intellectually and in personal friendship. Richard Lillich was not only my co-author; he became also my friend. And the same may be said of my other co-author, David J. Bederman, President of the Procedural Aspects of International Law Institute, who ever so generously and graciously rallied to the cause in its later stages when my physical health proved temporarily disruptive. No finer collaborator can I imagine, and thus I salute him as well. My appreciation for his good will and simultaneous commitment to high standards I measure in friendship also.

Burns H. Weston  
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<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., B. Weston, *Richard B. Lillich (1933–1996)*, 91 AM. J. INT'L L. 85 (1997); *A Tribute to Richard B. Lillich*, 38 VA. J. INT'L L. 1, 21, 51, 63, 67, 85 (1997);