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Newsroom

International Law Honors for Teitz

Professor Louise Ellen Teitz, currently serving as First Secretary at the Hague Conference on Private International Law, wins ABA recognition for her work in the field.



RWU Law's premier expert on International Law is **Professor Louise Ellen Teitz**, a founding faculty member currently on leave and serving in the Netherlands as First Secretary (Premier Secrétaire) at the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Professor Teitz's "distinguished, long-standing contributions to the development of private international law" were recently recognized by the American Bar Association, which awarded her its Leonard J. Theberge Award for Private International Law. The presentation was made during the ABA Section of International Law's Fall Meeting in Miami, at a luncheon keyed by Patricia O'Brien, undersecretary for legal affairs at the United Nations (and that organization's highest legal officer).

The presentation makes clear why Professor Teitz was chosen for the honor:

"Louise Ellen is a renowned expert in conflicts of law and more broadly in the field of private international law. She served as a law clerk for the Honorable John R. Brown for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In addition to her extensive teaching experience, Louise Ellen worked for the law firms Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld and Thompson & Knight. She teaches Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, and International Law at Roger Williams University School of Law. Louise Ellen has published several books and spoken on many panels on transnational litigation, comparative law, and international lending. She holds leadership positions in a number of international legal organizations. Her Section accomplishments are widely known, including her current leadership positions as a member of the Council, Immediate Past Co- Chair of the Private International Law Coordinating Committee, Senior Advisor to both the International Arbitration Committee and International Litigation Committee, and liaison to the International Law Association, American Branch and ULC/JEB."

The extent of Professor Teitz's work in the field is apparent from even a quick glimpse at her activities during October and early November, when she:

- spoke on a panel at the ABA's International Law Section meeting in Miami, discussing "Private International Law for the Transnational Practitioner" (taped by CSPAN for future broadcast);
- spoke at the U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee meeting;
- attended the European Commission/European Judicial Network Annual Meeting in Cyprus;
- attended the ABA Family Law Section's annual meeting;
- attended the Uniform Law Commission's International Joint Editorial Board Meeting ;
- spoke at a New York University Symposium titled, "Tug of War: The Tension between Regulation and International Cooperation" (Professor Teitz's paper will be published in the *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics*);
- presented at the American Branch of the International Law Association's International Law Weekend 2012 – "the premier international law event of the fall season" in New York City; and
- spoke at a major conference Duke Law School on Private International Law (Professor Teitz's paper will appear in an upcoming edition of the *Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law*).