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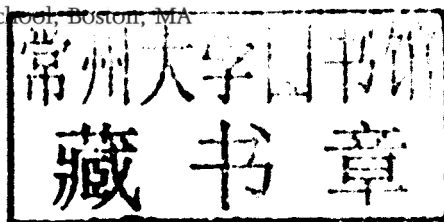
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Preface

In recent years, admissions directors in law schools and colleges have indicated that one of the most frequently asked questions by prospective students is what the particular institution has to offer in the area of international law. Law schools and colleges have expanded their course offerings in international law to cover a whole variety of specialized areas, such as international environmental law, international human rights, international business transactions, the law of the sea, and the laws of war, among many others. All of these specialized courses build on the introductory foundational course generally called, simply, “International Law.” This book is designed to assist students taking the introductory international law course to understand the framework and subject matter of international law and to work through the EXAMPLES, which consist of real-world problems based on the materials provided. After each EXAMPLE, there follows an EXPLANATION that represents the authors’ best attempts at answering the problems posed. The EXAMPLES give students a chance to apply the substantive material they have read and to test their ability to articulate a comprehensive answer. Students are advised to try to answer the problems themselves before reading the EXPLANATION. After answering the problem, students should check their answers with the EXPLANATION.

The book is best used as an aid throughout an entire international law course and will also be particularly useful in preparation for examinations. We have found that students grasp the different subjects of international law at a much better level when they have the opportunity to apply their knowledge to problems posed over the full semester in which the course is taught, not just at the end of the course in an examination. By providing substantive information as well as EXAMPLES and EXPLANATIONS related to international law, the authors hope that students will deepen their understanding of the subject and will be encouraged to develop their knowledge further in specialized courses.

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