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as to the basic issues that attorneys must cover in such transactions. Considerations that clients seldom consider, such as dispute resolution, are covered in a such a way as to explain their importance while allaying fears commonly felt when discussing such topics. This section is somewhat cursory for the experienced attorney. Chapter six covers contract elements in more detail, with thorough coverage of the differences between international and domestic contracts.

Chapter five gives an overview of negotiation across cultures. As in any such discussion, his comments tend to be vague and theoretical. But he gives good coverage to an area that should remain slightly theoretical to account for individual style. Chapter seven explains the difficulties involved in international litigation and takes the reader through some of the loopholes involved.

Chapters eight through ten are the most valuable portions of this primer. Good, thorough coverage is given to the issues involved in arbitration and methods for resolving basic weaknesses in international dispute resolution. The author's coverage of relevant conventions and methods of enforcement are especially useful — not only for business people — but also for attorneys involved in international commercial agreements.

International Commercial Agreements should be used as a basic reference tool, a point of departure and a method of educating a new client or one new to the area of international commercial transactions.

Jeff Delmon

LONBAY, JULIAN AND LINDA SPEDDING, *INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE*; Chancery Law Publishing, New York, NY (1992); (\$265); ISBN 0471-9365-8; 281 pp. (hardcover) Index.

International Professional Practice is a manual which sets out the structure of the legal systems in major nations throughout the world. Lonbay and Spedding begin by examining the international law relevant to harmonizing international commercial and trade relations such as GATT, but they focus primarily on the European initiatives that have resulted in the doubling in size of the European Economic Community. The common thread of these laws is that they are intended to reduce barriers to the globalization of trade. This book's scope is limited to the globalization of services, namely the practice of law, which inevitably accompanies the global expansion of trade.

The European initiatives discussed include trade blocs, the Treaty of Rome, The European Economic Community, and the European Economic Interest Grouping. Also discussed are emergent trends relating to the practice of international law such as specialization, incorpora-

tion, multi-disciplinary practice, multi-jurisdictional practice, the international mobility of lawyers, networks, and branch offices.

The Nations covered in this edition are Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The Nations to be provided in forthcoming updates are Australia, Austria, Finland, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, and Spain.

The book also includes excerpts from the Code of Conduct for Lawyers in the European Community with a supplementary explanatory memo, relevant European Economic Community Council Directives, excerpts from the International Code of Ethics of the International Bar Association, the United States Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and the American Bar Association Model Code of Professional Responsibility.

This work would be of aid to a practicing international lawyer, however it is by no means all inclusive. The summaries of each Nation's legal system will help one to gain a broad understanding of their methods of practice, but in order to actually be competent practicing in another Nation, a wise lawyer would employ much more than this text.

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MERRILLS, J.G.; THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BY THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS; Manchester University Press, Manchester, UK (1993);(\$79.95); ISBN: 0-7190-3737-9; 265 pp. (hardcover) Index.

According to J.G. Merrills, "the key to decision-making in the field of human rights is . . . the spirit and philosophy which animate the work of the judge." Merrills' aim in *The Development of International Law by the European Court of Human Rights* is to demonstrate how the judges of the Strasbourg Court approach the task of interpreting the principles of human rights laid down in the European Convention, and effectively, how these interpretations contribute to the internationalization of human rights law.

Merrills begins his analysis with a chapter describing how the Court functions as an international institution, walking the reader through the procedures which confer jurisdiction on the Court. He explains that once the European Commission on Human Rights has accepted a petition filed by one Contracting Party against another Contracting Party, it seeks a friendly settlement of the dispute. If this