

WSBA International Practice Section

Annual Report for 2003-2004

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On January 15, 2004, the International Practice Section hosted the first annual reception for law students. At this event, the law students had an opportunity to connect with local attorneys.

On October, 24, 2003, the section sponsored a lunch forum on the issues of constitutional changes in newly independent states. The guest speaker was Justice Utter.

On April 7, 2004, our section hosted a special presentation conducted via the videoconference by Dr. Vyacheslav V. Gavrilov, Dean of Department of International Law, Law Institute of Far Eastern National University, Vladivostok, Russia. Dr. Gavrilov, one of Russia's leading international law experts, discussed issues related to the status of foreign legal entities doing business in Russia, and the execution of foreign judgments. Dr. Gavrilov presented the practical information on the status of foreign legal entities in Russian courts, including important information on the Federal Law on Foreign Investment in the Russian Federation, the forms of doing business in Russia, and the registration procedures required of legal entities having foreign investment. Dr. Gavrilov also discussed issues related to the access to Russian courts by foreign individuals and businesses according to the Russian Federation Code of Civil Procedure and Code of Civil Arbitration and the issues of recognition of foreign judgments in Russian courts.

On June 89 2004, the Section held its annual meeting and retreat, where the Board of Officers was elected.

Future goals for the section are to offer more value to our members, increase membership and member participation.

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