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ILS October 2019 Newsletter

Attorney Feature: Daniel J. Ball



Daniel J. Ball is an Associate at Morgan Lewis, counseling clients in complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters. He also serves as a Director and Assistant Secretary of the Boston International Arbitration Council (BIAC). BIAC was formed in 2018 and serves to promote Boston as a leading center for international arbitration. As Boston grows as a center for international business, the need for Boston to serve as a center for international dispute resolution becomes increasingly important. As the group continues to grow, they aim to put on as many events as BIAC can to both educate and serve as a resource for companies and practitioners alike. BIAC recently co-sponsored an event with ArbitralWomen and the Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association on “Careers in International Arbitration” where panelists, including Vice Chair of BIAC’s Board of Directors, Conna Weiner, discussed their respective career paths in international arbitration.

The Board of Directors is made up of experienced international arbitration professionals, including William W. Park, an international arbitrator and the R. Gordon Butler Scholar in International Law at BU Law.

Mr. Ball foresees growth in the field of international arbitration, and growth in the use of Boston as a seat for resolving international disputes. According to Mr. Ball, Boston is a truly international city, home to a number of multi-national companies, and continues to attract large companies in the biotech and life sciences sectors.

As an undergraduate student at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, Mr. Ball developed an interest in international relations. While attending BU School of Law, he continued to pursue this interest by taking a number of classes related to international law, including International Arbitration with Professor William W. Park. Additionally, in his first year of law school Mr. Ball involved himself with the American Society of International Law (ASIL), which exposed him to a range of practitioners. During his final year of law school, Mr. Ball studied abroad in Hamburg, Germany where he studied international comparative law and volunteered with student organizations assisting refugees during the Syrian refugee crisis, which he described as an especially impactful experience that exposed him to the public interest side of international law.

Mr. Ball described the most challenging part of working on disputes involving foreign jurisdictions as not necessarily being as familiar with the various procedural requirements, particularly in the context of discovery disputes. Mr. Ball indicated that working with local counsel of foreign jurisdictions is most useful in answering these particular questions. For example, Morgan Lewis has offices outside the United States, giving attorneys, like Mr. Ball, an internal channel for answering questions relating to international law. Research librarians are a great resource to use, as well.

Even with these challenges, the excitement of experiencing different cultures makes it all worth it. Mr. Ball enjoys having the opportunity to learn about various legal regimes and having to constantly adapt.

For those interested in international law, Mr. Ball’s advice to students is to meet as many people as possible in the field and to both seize and seek out opportunities. He also recommends studying abroad to gain a better understanding and broader perspective because the best lawyers are the ones that have exposure outside one jurisdiction and who can adapt with the needs of multi-national clients.

Above all else, he advises young attorneys to follow their passions.

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Upcoming Events

Islamic Law and LGBTQ+ Rights

ILS is partnering with BU Law's Muslim Law Student Association (MLSA), in collaboration with OUTLaw, to host a speaker panel on Islamic Law and LGBTQ+ Rights. The panel will first provide an overview of both Islamic Law and LGBTQ+ rights in International Human Rights Law. Then, the panel will discuss how Islamic Law in particular addresses LGBTQ+ rights, using Pakistan and Iran as illustrative case studies.

Wednesday, October 23,

6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

Redstone Building, Room 103

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ILS Summer Jobs Panel

We will be holding a general meeting on searching for, applying to, and working in International Law, as well as bringing in students who have previously worked in International Law.

Thursday, October 31, 2019,

1:00 p.m. – 2:00p.m.

Redstone Building, Room 410

ILS Lunch Series: Human Rights Law with Professor Akram

During the lunch, Professor Susan Akram will discuss her recent research into refugees and human rights.

Friday, November 1, 2019,

1:00 p.m. – 2:00p.m.

Redstone Building, Room 203

Non-State Torture Through a Gendered Lens

26 years ago when confronted with a disclosure of non-State torture by a woman, Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald were challenged to create a non-State torture victimization-traumatization informed framework where none existed or was not considered a violation of human rights, nationally and globally. They present their framework models, share women's art and stories, and their UN activism that exposed why a new legally binding treaty on violence against women is needed as suggested by Professor Manjoo, previous UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019,

4:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Redstone Building, Room 212

ILS Lunch Series: Private International Law

During the lunch, **Daniel J. Ball**, October's attorney feature, will discuss his recent work in private international law.

Friday, November 15, 2019,

1:00 p.m. – 2:00p.m.

Room TBD

For more information on upcoming events, check out our [website](#).