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## Introductory Remarks

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Would a U.S. federal court apply state law or a federal common law of veil piercing?

### C. *Successor Liability*

The Mexican miner suit must confront the question of the liability of the successor U.S. corporation EXPLODEWIN for negligence of the predecessor Canadian company EXPLODECO. How would each nation address the issue of successor liability?

Does it make any difference considering that the predecessor company was in one nation and the successor in another?

### D. *Extraterritoriality Regarding Boycotts*

The United States restricts trade with Cuba. Does any part of the hypothetical create a possible violation of United States law? If such regulation would impact on any of the other nation, how would they react?

How do the other nations use extraterritoriality to regulate "their" corporations actions abroad to achieve political goals?

The United States prohibits its "persons" from assisting in the Arab boycott of Israel. Is there any such problem with the above facts? How would other nations react?

Do any of the other nations similarly regulate their nations participation in boycotts against friendly nations?

## II. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

WELCOME BY KEN CURTIN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, FLORIDA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND DEAN BARRY A. CURRIER

When the first International Business Law Symposium was held, I was in my second semester in law school and a comment writer on the *Journal*. Last year's symposium was probably the most controversial symposium which I have attended. It was my first semester on the Board of the *Journal*. Now, it is my last semester in law school; I am Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal*; and this will be my last symposium. For me, it is sort of sad that this is my last semester and last symposium. I really believe that it will be one of best that we have put on.

This year's symposium promises to be very interesting and educational. With the ready availability of modern transportation and means of communication, the world has become smaller, and consequently, corporations have branched out. National boundaries no longer pose trade problems for multinational corporations. However, other problems have arisen with regard to corporate nationality and liability. I hope that this symposium will not

only provide a format for discussion of these issues but also offer some solutions.

Before we begin, I would like to thank a few persons. First, I would like to thank Professor Gordon, without whose help this symposium would not have been possible, and whose encouragement has helped this journal grow and prosper. I also would like to thank Sharon Stark for organizing this symposium; she has done a terrific job. At this time, I would like to introduce Dean Currier.

DEAN BARRY A. CURRIER:

I am standing in for Jeff Lewis to provide a brief welcome. Last night, a number of us had the opportunity to watch a wonderful concert at the Center for the Performing Arts where four musicians, each world-renowned, came together and played. It was a terrific experience. What you are going to see today is in a similar vein. Those four people enjoyed getting together and working on their music; in this symposium, three people from three different places have come together to interact intellectually. I know they are going to have fun doing it, and I know that you are going to enjoy listening and participating.

This symposium is unique. This problem-oriented symposium, to use a very high-tech and elegant word, is nifty. It is a nifty idea to put together a problem like this and to march through it. I would like to thank Professors Blumberg and Prentice for coming all this way to participate. I also would like to thank Professor Gordon for helping me to understand the importance of an international program at the law school. This symposium and your presence is a tribute to his work.

### III. NATIONALITY, VEIL PIERCING, AND SUCCESSOR LIABILITY

PROFESSOR MICHAEL GORDON:

We are able to hold this fourth symposium only because of the support that we have received from Deans Lewis and Currier over the last four years and because of the efforts of the *Journal* staff. I especially would like to thank Karen Clark for her efforts in putting this program together with me over the last six months. As the law school has grown in size, it has become quite difficult to become acquainted with many of the students and faculty and to learn more about the students than the impressions that one gains in class. I look forward each year to working with the editors and the symposium chairperson.

Judge Cardozo's "mists of metaphors," which he believed enshrouded the relationship between parent and subsidiary corporations when he decided the