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MEMORANDUM

To: Mélida Hodgson, President of the American Society of International Law
 From: Chiara Giorgetti, Chair, 2025-2026 Nominating Committee
 Date: September 18, 2025
 Re: ASIL 2025-2026 Nominating Committee Report

1. Nominees for Election at the 2026 Annual Meeting

Pursuant to Section III (11) of ASIL’s Regulations, the Nominating Committee proposes for election by the members of the Society the following slate of Officers, Executive Council Members, and Counsellors:

President	Oona A. Hathaway
Honorary President	Hon. Abdulqawi Yusuf
Vice Presidents	Michael Cooper, Executive Vice President (renominated for an additional term) Julian Arato Karima Bennoune (renominated for second term) Pedro Martinez-Fraga Patrick W. Pearsall (renominated for second term)
Executive Council Members	Tess Bridgeman Pasha L. Hsieh Zachary D. Kaufman Shiri Krebs Julianne J. Marley Alka Pradhan Anne van Aaken David Zionts
Counsellors	David Kaye Christie Edwards Jacob Katz Cogan Catherine Powell

All of the nominees have agreed to serve. Brief biographies of the nominees are included in the appendix to this memorandum.

2. The Nomination and Selection Process

The Nominating Committee’s work began with a broad-based solicitation of nominations and expressions of interest from members of the Society. A call for nominations was posted on the Society’s website and included in the Society’s newsletter. Committee members also engaged in active outreach. They spread the word about the call for nominations, proposed candidates, and contacted members who had expressed interest in leadership positions in the past. The Committee also contacted individuals who were eligible for re-nomination to their current positions, all of whom confirmed their interest in continuing to serve. Throughout this process, the Committee was attentive to the importance of generating a diverse pool of potential nominees.

Candidates for positions other than Honorary President were required to submit materials including a brief resume, a statement of interest regarding the position for which they were nominated, and (primarily to streamline the administrative process) a short biographical statement in paragraph form. Candidates were also invited, though not required, to submit up to two letters in support of their nomination.

The quality of the nominations received was outstanding across the board. With respect to quantity, the Committee received many more nominations than there were openings for positions in leadership. Most submissions are made at the last moment, which makes it difficult for the Committee to track submissions in terms of the Society's needs. The Committee suggested that the Society consider extending the submission period by one week shortly before it expires so that committee members can have a last opportunity to reach out to potential candidates to ensure a strong, diverse pool. That was less of a problem this year, but has been one in the past.

In selecting nominees from among the pool of candidates, the Committee followed the Nominating Committee Guidelines as adopted by the Executive Council. We considered candidates' past contributions to the Society (including participation in activities and programs as well as service in previous volunteer roles), as well as indications regarding meaningful future contributions in leadership roles. We also sought to assemble a slate of nominees that, together with current and continuing leadership, would reflect the breadth and diversity of the Society's membership. We enthusiastically propose these individuals for election at next year's Annual Meeting and echo the sentiments of previous Nominating Committees that the Society is fortunate to have so many highly engaged and expert members willing to serve in leadership roles.

Consistent with past practice, we will provide next year's Committee with the names of individuals who were not selected this year but may merit particular consideration by that Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chiara Giorgetti, Chair
Olabisi Akinkugbe
Catherine Amirfar
Saira Mohamed
Jeremy Sharpe
Harlan Cohen (alternate)

Appendix: Biographical Information on Nominees

Nominee for Honorary President

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Nominees for Vice President

Julian Arato is Professor of Law at Michigan Law School, where he also serves as Faculty Director of the SJD program; Faculty Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law; and Director of the Program on Law and the Global Economy. He is a scholar of public international law with a particular focus on international economic law, the law of treaties, dispute resolution and arbitration, international legal theory, and the relationship between international law and private law. He teaches courses on public international law, international trade, and globalization, as well as first-year contracts. He has previously taught at Brooklyn Law School, where he also served as Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Scholarship, and before that worked as an associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer focusing on international arbitration. He has worn several hats in service to ASIL over the years. In terms of central governance roles, he served on the Executive Council from 2019-2022, as chair of the Program Committee in 2022, and as chair of the Book Awards Committee in 2021 (and member in 2020). He has served on the board of AJIL since 2022, and as editor of the AJIL International Decisions Section from 2020-22. He is currently serving on the Society-wide AJIL EIC Search Committee (2025). He has also represented the Society externally, having served as ASIL's Observer Delegate to UNCITRAL in the fairly politicized setting of Working Group III (on ISDS reform) between 2018-21.

Pedro Martinez-Fraga is a leading practitioner in the field of investor-State international arbitration, international commercial arbitration, and transnational litigation, including complex jurisdictional disputes concerning common law and civil law issues. Mr. Martinez-Fraga served a World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) arbitrator. On December 16, 2015, President Barack Obama appointed Mr. Martinez-Fraga as one of four U.S. delegate members to the Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (World Bank), effective February 23, 2016. In April 2021, the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law bestowed on Mr. Martinez-Fraga the prestigious distinction of inviting him to teach a special course during the Private International Law Session in the summer of 2023. The course was titled: "Settlement, Evidence, Transparency, and Risk Assessment in International Commercial Arbitration," and is contained in Vol. 445, *Recueil des Cours*, pp. 289-626. Mr. Martinez-Fraga has been invited by the Curatorium of the Xiamen Academy of International Law to present the Public International Law course for the summer of 2026. The course is titled: "Evidence, Due Process, and Transparency in International Arbitration: the Quest for Normative Legitimacy." Mr. Martinez-Fraga is the co-leader of the firm's International Arbitration Team. He served on the Advisory Council to the Restatement (Third) of International Commercial Arbitration and Investor-State Arbitration of the American Law Institute. Mr. Martinez-Fraga has represented the Republic of Argentina, the Republic of Guatemala, the Republic of El Salvador, the Federated Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Ecuador, instrumentalities of the Kingdom of Spain, and most recently the Dominican Republic. He has, in addition, served as an arbitrator in International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) (World Bank) proceedings: (Urbaser S.A. and Consorcio de Aguas Bilbao Bizkaia, Bilbao Bizkaia Ur Partzuergoa v. Argentine Republic (ICSID Case No. ARB/07/26). His arbitration experience includes arbitral disputes under the following institutions and rules: ICSID (World Bank), ICC, LCIA, ICDR, DIS and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center. His more notable representations include serving as lead US counsel on behalf of the Republic of Chile in the case against former Chilean President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and Senator pour vie Augusto Pinochet. Mr. Martinez-Fraga has lectured at more than 50 universities globally.

Nominees for Executive Council

Tess Bridgeman is Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Just Security* and Senior Fellow and Visiting Scholar at NYU Law School's Reiss Center on Law and Security, where she created the ongoing War Powers Resolution Reporting Project. She served in the White House as Special Assistant to the President, Associate Counsel to the President, and Deputy Legal Adviser to the National Security Council (NSC) during the Obama administration. She also served at the State Department in the Office of the Legal Adviser as Special Assistant to the Legal Adviser and, prior to that role, as an Attorney Adviser in the Office of Political-Military Affairs, where her practice areas included international humanitarian law (IHL), the intersection of IHL and international human rights law, *ius ad bellum*, detention operations, children in armed conflict, and related proceedings before domestic and international bodies.

Bridgeman is an affiliate at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), lectures in national security law at Berkeley Law, and is on the board of the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation (having previously served on the boards of several other non-profits). She has served as the chair of ASIL's Strategic Initiatives Committee, as well as previously serving as a member of that committee and of the Program Committee. Bridgeman has a D.Phil. in International Relations from Oxford University, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar; a JD from NYU Law School, magna cum laude and Order of the Coif, which she attended as a Root-Tilden-Kern and Institute for International Law and Justice Scholar; and a BA from Stanford University. She clerked for the Hon. Thomas Ambro of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and has worked at the Senate Judiciary Committee prior to her roles in the Executive branch. Earlier in her career, Bridgeman co-founded a community health and development organization in Oaxaca, Mexico, and conducted a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder review of the World Bank Inspection Panel during her time as a John Gardner Fellow.

Pasha L. Hsieh is Lee Kong Chian Professor of Law and Jean Monnet Chair at the Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU). He previously served as Associate Dean for Research and has held visiting faculty positions at the University of Melbourne, Seoul National University, and other leading institutions. He earned his J.D. and LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Free University of Brussels. Before entering academia, he was a Legal Affairs Officer at the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat and practiced law at Shearman & Sterling LLP in Washington, D.C. Hsieh's teaching and research span international economic law, public international law, and Asian legal studies. His monograph, *New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law* (Cambridge University Press), has been translated into Chinese and Japanese and cited by UN ESCAP and the OECD. He is co-editor of *ASEAN Law in the New Regional Economic Order: Global Trends and Shifting Paradigms* (Cambridge University Press). His articles have appeared in leading journals including the *Leiden Journal of International Law*, *Journal of International Economic Law*, *World Trade Review*, *ICSID Review*, and the international law journals of Cornell, Michigan, Northwestern, and Pennsylvania. His scholarship has been cited by the Swiss Federal Supreme Court, OECD, and UN ESCAP. Hsieh has received SMU's Most Outstanding Legal Studies Teacher Award and was conferred one of the university's highest honors, Lee Kong Chian Professor of Law. His research has been supported by competitive grants from the European Commission, Korea Foundation, Sumitomo Foundation of Japan, and the Ministries of Education in Singapore and Taiwan, demonstrating sustained international recognition.

He serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of International Economic Law*, *Journal of World Investment & Trade*, and *Asia Pacific Law Review*, and is Managing Editor of the *Chinese (Taiwan) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs*. As a panel member of the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, he evaluates international research proposals. Hsieh has been invited to speak at the European Parliament, ASEAN Secretariat, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, and Singapore Judicial College.

A strong advocate of international legal cooperation, Hsieh has demonstrated exceptional leadership in ASIL. He served as Co-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Interest Group (2017–2020) and has organized multiple ASIL panels. He initiated and co-organized the biennial ILA–ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum (2013–2025), now the longest-running international law platform in the Indo-Pacific. As an Executive Council Member of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) (2018–2024), he has fostered scholarly exchange across continents. Most

recently, he contributed to organizing the 2025 ILA–ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum and the SIEL Global Conference in Taipei.

Zachary D. Kaufman, J.D., Ph.D., is an award-winning scholar and practitioner of International Law, Criminal Law, National Security Law, and Transitional Justice. Professor Kaufman is Professor of Law at the University of Florida, where he is Faculty Advisor to both the Florida Journal of International Law and International Law Society. He previously taught at the law schools of Stanford, Washington University in St. Louis, Boston University, and University of Houston, as well as at Yale University Department of Political Science and George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs. In addition, he was a Senior Fellow at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and has held other academic appointments at Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, Stanford University, and New York University. Professor Kaufman is working on his fourth book (on bystanders and upstanders, under contract with Cambridge University Press). His previous books are: *United States Law and Policy on Transitional Justice*, *Social Entrepreneurship in the Age of Atrocities*, and *After Genocide*. He is also the author of more than 45 articles, essays, and book chapters. He has delivered more than 400 lectures around the world.

A Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Professor Kaufman is Co-Chair of ASIL's Transitional Justice & Rule of Law Interest Group and Co-Chair of the Law & Society Association's Transitional Justice Collaborative Research Network. He was the founder, president, and board chair of a non-profit organization that helped build Rwanda's first public library—now the country's national public library. Professor Kaufman has served in all 3 branches of the U.S. government. In the judicial branch, he was a U.S. Supreme Court Fellow and clerk to a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. In the legislative branch, he was a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow on the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, during which he was a lead architect of both the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act and the Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act. In the executive branch, he served at the U.S. Departments of State and Justice.

Professor Kaufman has also served at 3 international war crimes tribunals: the International Criminal Court (where he was the first American to serve) as well as the UN International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and for the Former Yugoslavia. In the private sector, he has practiced law at O'Melveny & Myers LLP and worked at Google. Professor Kaufman received his J.D. from Yale Law School (where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*), his D.Phil. (Ph.D.) in International Relations from the University of Oxford (where he was a Marshall Scholar), and his B.A. in Political Science from Yale University (where he was the student body president).

Shiri Krebs is a Professor of Law at Deakin University and Director of the Centre for Law as Protection. She is an affiliate scholar at Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), and an Alexander von Humboldt Experienced Research Fellow at Hamburg University. She is currently also a Visiting Legal Fellow at the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Her research is funded by competitive national and international research grants, including multi-year fellowships from the Australian Research Council (ARC) the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Krebs' scholarship contributes to behavioural and critical approaches to international law, with a focus on technology-generated fact-finding and knowledge production during armed conflicts. Her current funded research projects aim to improve compliance with international humanitarian law, including in the context of surveillance technologies, drone warfare, and predictive counterterrorism. She is a trained interdisciplinary scholar (graduating from the Stanford Program on Empirical Legal Studies), with dual qualifications in law and international relations. Her research has influenced decision-making processes through invitations to brief high-level decision-makers, including at the United Nations (CTED, Office of the Secretary-General), the United States Department of Defense, the German Military Leadership Academy, and the Australian Defence Force.

Her recent research awards include the David Caron Prize (ASIL, 2021), the 'Researcher of the Year' Award (Australian Women in Law Awards, 2022), the Australian Legal Research Awards (finalist, Article/Chapter (ECR), 2022), and the Vice-Chancellor's Researcher Award for Career Excellence (Deakin University, 2022). Her doctoral dissertation was awarded Stanford's Christiana Shi Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship Award. Before joining

Deakin University, she has taught in several law schools, including at Stanford University, University of Santa Clara, and the Hebrew University, where she won the Dean's award recognizing exceptional junior faculty members.

She earned her Doctorate and Master degrees from Stanford Law School (in 2017 & 2012), as well as Master and Bachelor degrees in International Relations and in Law, all magna cum laude, from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (in 2008 & 2005).

Krebs has been an ASIL member since 2015, and during this past decade has represented ASIL at the Four Societies conference, presented her research at ASIL's 'New Voices' panel, mentored ASIL members, contributed to ASIL's events and IG work, Chaired the Lieber Society IG, created new partnerships, organized webinars on current affairs, and initiated interventions on the violence in Gaza.

Julianne J. Marley is a counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP whose practice focuses on international dispute resolution and public international law. Ms. Marley's practice spans a wide variety of international disputes involving both commercial parties and states. Ms. Marley has extensive experience representing clients in treaty-based investment disputes and international commercial arbitrations, including under the ICC, ICSID and UNCITRAL rules, and in a range of sectors, including tech, mining, financial services, and retail. She has appeared as counsel in a variety of fora, including before the International Court of Justice and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). Ms. Marley is recognized in Lexology Index: Arbitration (2025) as a Future Leader in international arbitration. Ms. Marley regularly speaks and publishes on international arbitration-related issues. Ms. Marley currently serves as co-chair of the American Society of International Law (ASIL)'s International Economic Law Interest Group. She previously served as co-chair of ASIL's Membership Committee, and on the Program Committee for ASIL's 2017 Annual Meeting and 2014 Midyear Meeting. Ms. Marley is actively involved in Debevoise's pro bono practice, where her practice focuses on representing clients in asylum proceedings and immigration-related matters as well as pro bono work related to human rights and fair trial advocacy. Ms. Marley is also a lecturer at Michigan Law, where she teaches a course on International Investment Law and Arbitration.

Alka Pradhan is an expert on the application of human rights and humanitarian law to counterterrorism situations, and the impact of torture on fair trials. She is currently Human Rights Counsel at the Guantanamo Bay Military Commissions, representing one of the defendants in the capital case of United States v. Khalid Sheikh Mohammad (the "9/11 case"); and Associate Counsel for the Defense in Prosecutor v. Al Hassan at the International Criminal Court. Ms. Pradhan was previously Counter-Terrorism Counsel at Reprieve US, where she represented a number of Guantanamo Bay detainees in litigation involving habeas corpus claims and conditions of detention. She also conducted advocacy and litigation on behalf of civilian victims of the targeted killing (drone) program in Yemen and Pakistan and has advised the U.S. government on compliance with international legal obligations. Ms. Pradhan also worked as Counsel for The Constitution Project's bipartisan Task Force on Detainee Treatment, and as a specialist in sovereign litigation at White & Case LLP.

Ms. Pradhan has worked closely with members of the UK Parliament and the European Parliament on official investigations into torture and war crimes. Additionally, she has filed submissions and made presentations on behalf of clients to the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Committee Against Torture, the Human Rights Committee, and the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. She has assisted with or advised on a number of amicus curiae briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ms. Pradhan is an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Carey Law School, and served two terms on the Board of Directors of the International Law Students Association. She was Co-Chair of the Human Rights Law Committee of the International Bar Association. She was also a member of the Drafting Group of Experts on the Principles of Effective Interviewing Protocol on Investigative Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering (the "Méndez Principles").

Ms. Pradhan is a frequent commentator in the media on international law, counter-terrorism, and torture issues, and has written law review and media articles on the relationship between human rights, humanitarian law, and national security. Her work has been profiled by the New York Times Magazine, in the documentary “The Trial,” and in several books about Guantanamo Bay.

Anne van Aaken (Dr. iur. and MA Economics) is Professor of Law and Economics, Legal Theory, Public International Law and European Law, University of Hamburg, Germany (Alexander von Humboldt Professor 2018-2023) and Co-Director of the Institute for Law and Economics. She was Professor at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland from 2006-2018 and senior researcher at the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law as well as at the Max-Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods. Anne was Vice-President of the European Society of International Law and of the European Association of Law and Economics, and the Chair of the European University Research Council (2020-2023). She taught as a guest professor at numerous universities in Europe (i.a. HEID, World Trade Institute), Africa, Asia and Latin America as well as the USA (Global Law Professor at NYU) and was a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study Berlin in 2010/11. She co-chairs the IG on International Law and Social Science (ILASS) of the American Society of International Law since 2025. She was a general editor of the Journal of International Dispute Settlement (OUP) and is or was a member of the editorial boards i.a. of the American Journal of International Law, the European Journal of International Law (till 2021), the Journal of International Economic Law (OUP) and International Theory (OUP) as well as one of the series editors of the ESIL Book Series with OUP. She has been consultant for the IBRD, OECD, UNCTAD, GIZ and the UN and is on the list of arbitrators for EU Trade Treaties.

Anne’s far over 100 publications are often interdisciplinary, using economics and social science methods, including behavioral sciences, to understand the consequences of law as well as law-making, including adjudication and compliance. They have appeared i.a. in EJIL, AJIL, JIEL, IOLR, HILJ. Her newest edited books are “International Legal Theory and the Cognitive Turn”, OUP 2025 (with Moshe Hirsch) and The Oxford Handbook of International Law in Europe, OUP 2024 (with Pierre d’Argent, Lauri Mälksoo and Justus Vasel).

David Zions is an appellate litigator and international lawyer. He handles high-stakes appeals across a range of subject matters, and regularly works on transnational disputes and issues of international law that arise in both U.S. and international tribunals.

David regularly advises sovereign clients on matters of public international law. He has appeared several times as an advocate before the International Court of Justice on behalf of the Government of Ukraine. In U.S. courts, David has litigated a range of transnational cases involving the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, the Anti-Terrorism Act, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, and the Alien Tort Statute. He also regularly litigates matters of constitutional and administrative law. David has led and argued numerous appeals, including in the Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh, and D.C. Circuits. At the Supreme Court of the United States, David has been the principal author of briefs at both the merits and certiorari stages.

David maintains an active pro bono practice. He has recently represented Radio Free Europe in successfully litigating for the release of its congressionally appropriated funding, and advised on the international law dimensions of accountability and justice for atrocities committed in the civil war in Sudan. David has also led high-profile litigation concerning law-of-war detention, immigration, military service for transgender individuals, and voting rights.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, David served as a law clerk to Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Merrick B. Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and was a special advisor at the U.S. Department of State to Legal Adviser Harold Hongju Koh.