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By universal recognition of the prime meridian and Greenwich Mean Time (via international agreement at the International Meridian Conference in 1884). The latter was updated to "universal time" in 1928, and subsequent technical agreements have refined the definition further.
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As the result of the bilateral treaty known as the Louisiana Purchase (1803).
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- 6 Knowing that a second is the same length of time everywhere in the world.**
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- 7 Using the same software on computers worldwide.**
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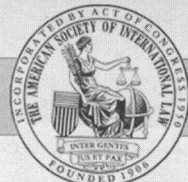
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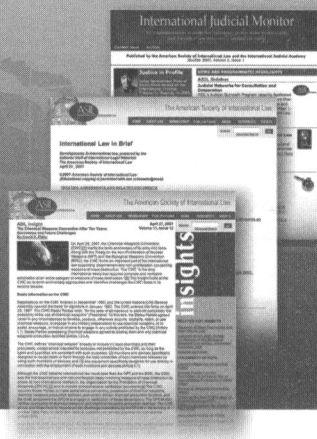
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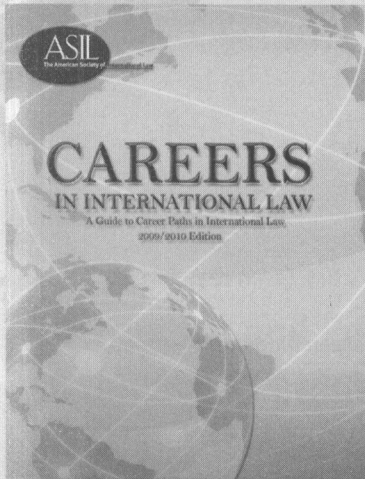
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By Daniel Gerwick

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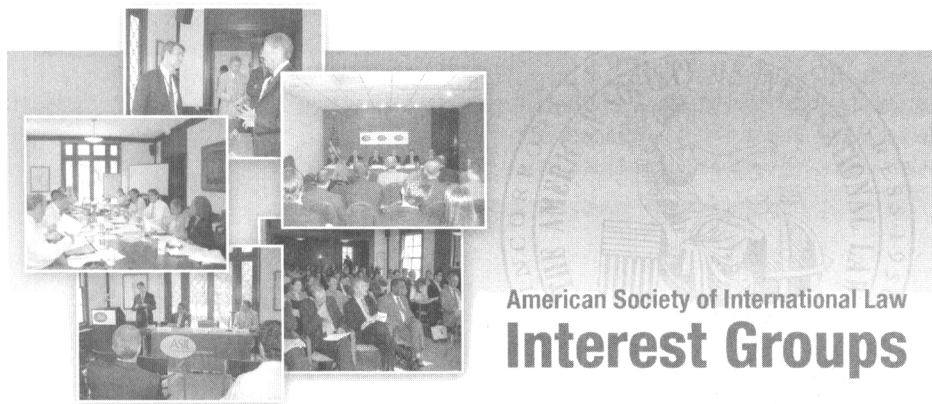
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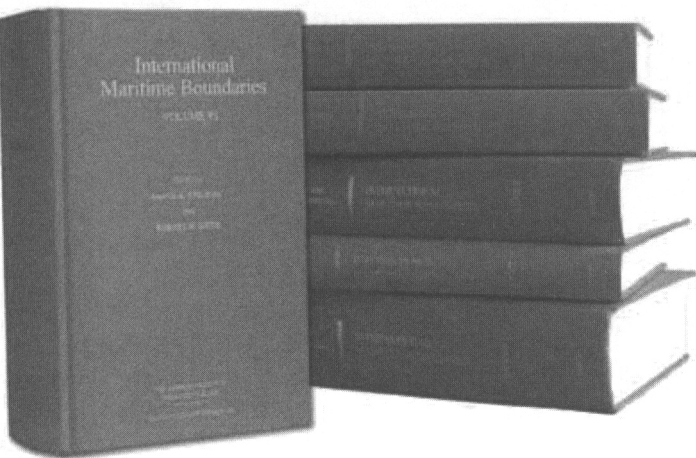
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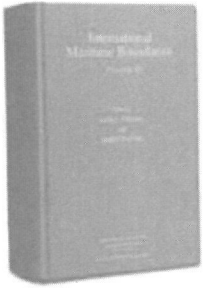
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