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# SYMPOSIUM

## INTERNATIONAL TAX POLICY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

### FOREWORD

*Joan G. Wexler*

Good morning. I'm Joan Wexler, Dean of Brooklyn Law School, and it is my pleasure to welcome you to this two-day Symposium sponsored by the Brooklyn Law School Center for the Study of International Business Law and the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*.

The Center was founded in 1987 to study and shape policy in the international business law area. Its mission reflects both the strength of the law school's international business law faculty and our location in New York City, the heart of international business.

Over the past ten years, the Center also has hosted many international visitors to the Law School, sponsored a successful and innovative student fellowship program, and initiated a quarterly international economic law colloquium at the Law School. The Center sponsors an annual symposium, most recently on issues of international electronic commerce and before that on global markets and human rights, each of which is published in the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*.

This year, as we celebrate our centennial and mark the beginning of a new millennium, we constantly are reminded that we also have moved into the age of globalization, an age in which geographic borders become less relevant and transactions can be carried from any place or no place at all. It is thus fitting that we turn to an examination of the principles underlying international tax policy.

We have assembled an outstanding group of presenters and commentators. They are well known for their scholarly writings, their insight, and their common sense. We are most grateful that for the next two days we will be favored with

their trenchant analysis, suggestions, and thoughts as we ask ourselves whether it is time to abandon old foundations that have served us reasonably well, and inquire as to the shape and form of a new regime and its potential effects. I look forward to a lively exchange of views.

For those of you who have not been involved in the programs of the Center or the Law School, I hope this will be the first of many contacts with Brooklyn Law School.

At this time, I would like to turn over these proceedings to Professor (and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) Victor Zonana. Dean Zonana is chiefly responsible for organizing this Symposium. Professor Zonana teaches in the areas of income taxation, including courses in International Taxation and Taxation of International Transactions. He has lectured and written widely on these topics.