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Attending the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Annual Meeting in Washington, DC this year was, without a doubt, one of the highlights of my international legal education as a JD student at Berkeley Law. From the Meeting, I gained valuable insights into cutting-edge international legal scholarship, the practical realities of litigating complex international legal issues, and the role international law continues to play in the maintenance of global security.

Importantly, attendance at the Annual Meeting helped me to build and expand the breadth and depth of my international legal education. Throughout the course of the Meeting, I attended ten panels and was afforded the opportunity to hear a major policy address by the Obama Administration. These panels addressed a diverse set of issues: the future

of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the laws of war, the proposed amendments to the Rome Statute, complicity, and the current refugee crisis. Each of these panels dove deep into the heart of some of the most pressing legal questions international lawyers face each day. Indeed, I had the chance to hear from the legendary Nuremberg prosecutor Ben Ferencz, as well as the US Department of Defense's Stephen Preston, who detailed the Obama Administration's latest legal theory for use of force against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) under international and domestic law. All of the discussions were important, timely, and consequential.

The ASIL Annual Meeting brings together the most prominent figures in a variety of international legal disciplines, and being present afforded me the tremendous opportunity to discuss their work with them, as well as how I might succeed, as they have, in my future career. I spoke with partners at large global law firms, government lawyers, legal advisors from international organizations, and preeminent legal scholars, all of whom had constructive advice. In short, I left with a much clearer view of the field than the one with which I arrived.

It was a tremendous honor to represent Berkeley Law and the Miller Institute as this year's JD fellow. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity I had to establish relationships and build on my international legal experience and coursework. I hope to make the trip to ASIL's Annual Meetings for many years to come.

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