

# International Law Weekend

91st Annual Meeting of the American Branch of the International Law Association :

## Law in the Time of Cholera: Haiti's Epidemic, the UN and the Responsibilities of International Organizations

*Haiti is suffering from a cholera epidemic that has been traced to waste management practices on a United Nations peacekeeper base. The epidemic has killed over 7,500 Haitians, and is now the worst single country cholera epidemic in modern history.*

*Haiti's cholera epidemic and the UN response to it is an excellent touchstone to explore the UN's responsibility to provide a fair forum for personal injury claims arising out of peacekeeping operations. The panel will explore UN liability for the Haiti cholera epidemic in the context of the UN Status of Forces Agreement's immunity provisions and of the developing law on accountability of international organizations. Panelists include experts who were on the ground in Haiti and responded to the outbreak, international legal experts, and lawyers who filed a groundbreaking case on behalf of 5,000 victims of cholera seeking compensation from the UN.*

**Saturday**

**Oct. 27th**

**9 AM**

**Fordham  
University**

**School of Law**

**140 West 62nd Street,  
New York City**

**Room 302**

### PANELISTS

- **Mario Joseph**, Managing Attorney, Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (Port-au-Prince, Haiti)
  - **Brian Concannon, Jr.**, Director, Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti
- **Jonathan M. Katz**, Former Associated Press Haiti Correspondent, Author of forthcoming book *The Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster*
  - **Rishi Rattan**, Chair, Advocacy Sub-Committee, Physicians for Haiti
- **José Alvarez**, Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law at New York University School of Law

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