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Since the signing of the Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade Agreements and its implementation into U.S. law by the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, numerous articles have been written on the theory rather than the practice of international trade law. This Journal is pleased to present “A Practitioner’s Guide to International Trade Law,” a series of articles on the dominant areas of international trade actions from both the domestic petitioners’ and foreign respondents’ perspectives. Each author is excellent in his or her field and has practiced with distinction under the old law as well as the 1979 Act. We are quite fortunate to have as authors some of the top practitioners in international trade law, and we would like to thank our former professor, Thomas R. Graham, now with Kilpatrick & Cody in Washington, D.C., for his excellent help in this regard.

The articles in this Symposium are all based on the perspective of how, when, and why to bring and defend the particular trade actions addressed. Because there often is overlap between available actions, the authors also address the merits of the particular action discussed in relation to other potential strategies. This Guide is thus intended to aid the general practitioner in his awareness of this area of the law and his ability both to advise clients and to know when to seek out specialists, to assist the novice in international trade practice, and to provide illuminating insights to experienced trade practitioners. We believe that these articles, written from a practice perspective, are useful at all levels. It is thus hoped that this issue can be a worthwhile pragmatic addition to the excellent literature currently available on this broad and ever volatile topic.

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