The Restraining Judicial Power: The Fragmented System of Judicial Review and Constitutional Interpretation in Afghanistan

By Shamshad Pasarlay

“The 2004 Constitution of Afghanistan vaguely describes the powers of the Supreme Court to interpret the constitution and review the constitutionality of legislation. It also describes an independent commission for the supervision of the implementation of the constitution, whose powers are ambiguous and seem to overlap with those of the Supreme Court. This Article offers the first detailed examination of Afghanistan’s judicial review system. In addition, it adds a critical and timely case study to the scholarship on the politics of courts in authoritarian regimes.”

To read more about Mr. Pasarlay’s interpretation of Afghanistan’s constitution, find the article here: https://digitalcommons.law.msu.edu/ilr

Soccer or Football: The Level Playing Field Idea for the European Single Market in the Audiovisual Media

By Dr Hab. Katarzyna Klaflowska-Waśniowska

“The single market idea is based on the four freedoms, which includes the free provision of services. The Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) aims to eliminate the barriers related to content of audiovisual media services. The idea of a level playing field is combined in the AVMSD with the establishment of a common European market for audiovisual content and the principles of fair competition and equal treatment. This creates comparable treatment of comparable services and is very difficult to implement in practice. In order to provide cross-border services in the EU market, audiovisual service providers must comply with the rules of the game established in the AVMSD.”

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The International Law Review hosted its annual symposium, entitled Issues in Sports: On the Field and In the Court, on February 23, 2018. Featured speakers included Steve Fainaru and Mark Fainaru-Wada, investigative reporters for ESPN, Faisal Hasan, founder and general counsel of DraftKings, and survivors of the Larry Nassar scandal, among others. Executive Editor Max Mittleman and the Symposium Committee (John Dunnam, Tia Rowe, and Ashley Martin) organized this year’s symposium. Discussions throughout the symposium covered a broad array of eye-opening sports issues that generated thoughtful questions and conversations. Overall, Issues in Sports: On the Field and In the Court was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated.

Women in Saudi Arabia Granted the Right to Drive: A Step Away from Male Guardianship Laws?

By Inessa Wurscher

Since 1990, women in Saudi Arabia have been prohibited by royal decree from driving. This decree has been a point of contention within Saudi Arabia as well as in the international community. Now, a recent royal decree has overturned this law and will allow Saudi women to drive in June of 2018. While this legal change may be enough to open the way for changes in the male guardianship system, it is not yet enough for Saudi Arabia to be in compliance with their obligations under the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.


Mongolia: Deadly Pollution

By Mollie M. McSweeney

Pollution has quickly become one of Mongolia’s largest issues. The high levels of pollution threaten the health, safety, and wellness of the people that reside there. The issue of pollution is so extreme that it can lead to death. It is imperative that this issue be resolved in a timely manner because the people of Mongolia’s lives are at risk.

“Mongolian people are in grave danger if this pollution problem persists.”

To read more on pollution affecting the health of Mongolians and how the government is addressing this concern, read this blog post at: https://www.msuir.org/msuir-legalforum-blogs/2018/3/12/mongolia-deadly-pollution

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