

**INTERNATIONAL HEALTH LAW:
AN EMERGING FIELD OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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ABSTRACT

International health law is an evolving academic discipline addressing the global need for health protection through various international legal frameworks. This paper examines the intersection of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) with international health law, highlighting how PIL serves as a crucial tool for advancing public health by leveraging legal advocacy. PIL which allows courts to address issues on behalf of the public or marginalized groups without requiring direct involvement from the aggrieved parties, plays a significant role in enforcing international legal regimes related to health. This includes international environmental law, human rights law, trade law, and arms control law, all of which impact public health. The primary objective of this paper is to elucidate the role of PIL in shaping and enforcing international health law, exploring how this legal mechanism can bridge gaps between domestic and international health regulations and contribute to global health governance. The connection between PIL and international health law is underexplored. The emerging field of international health law requires more robust mechanisms for addressing global health issues, and PIL could play a pivotal role in filling this gap. This paper addresses the problem of insufficient integration of PIL into international health law frameworks and advocates for a more systematic approach to utilizing PIL for advancing global health standards. By analyzing the interplay between PIL and international health law, this study aims to highlight the effectiveness of PIL in promoting international health objectives and propose strategies for enhancing its role in global health governance.

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