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The law of international investment protection creates an important framework that may impose limits to contents and the implementation of peace agreements in Colombia. In particular, the possibility of compensation for indirect expropriation, and of possible violations of the fair and equitable treatment and full protection and security standards, may have a "chill effect" on negotiators, or may rise the costs of implementing redistributive policies of peacebuilding, such as land restitution. What are the doctrinal venues open in foreign investment law for balancing peace and investment protection in Colombia? What can we learn from the investment and human rights/environment debate? How do the ideological underpinnings of the investment regime affect its role in transitional societies? What standard of review should be adopted by investment arbitration tribunals when reviewing domestic measures deriving from transitional justice efforts? What should Colombia's litigation strategy be?



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