**Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act**

**Description**

The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976 is a United States law, codified at Title 28, §§ 1330, 1332, 1391, 1441, and 1602–1611 of the United States Code, that establishes the limitations as to whether a foreign sovereign nation may be sued in U.S. courts—federal or state.

The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976 (FSIA) is the primary means **for bringing a lawsuit against a foreign sovereign or its agencies and instrumentalities**. The act establishes certain procedures that must be followed when suing a foreign sovereign and attaching property for international debt recovery purposes.