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Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to welcoming you to Miami, Florida, for the ABA Section of International Law’s 2017 Fall Conference from October 24-27, 2017! The theme for the conference is Doing Business in the Americas in the New Global Economy: A New Dawn in the Hemisphere. With thanks to our 60+ committees we are planning a substantive and topical schedule of CLE programming, as well as networking events and receptions.

WHY ATTEND? TO LEARN, NETWORK AND PARTICIPATE!

- Over 65 substantive continuing legal education sessions with world-class speakers, cutting-edge topics and the latest on international ethics issues
- A chance to meet your ABA Section of International Law colleagues and engage on programs, policies and publications, by attending committee working business meetings, division breakfasts and committee dinners
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OUTSTANDING NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

- A behind-the-Scenes cargo tour of the port of Miami
- Luncheons with exceptional keynote speakers including Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States, and President Julio Frenk, University of Miami
- Tuesday, Council Reception followed by Law Firm Open Houses and First Time Attendee Welcome Reception
- Wednesday Reception at the Perez Art Museum
- Thursday, Committee Dinners followed by Women’s Business Law Network Sweet Endings Dessert Reception at Area 31
- Friday Chair’s Closing Reception at Jungle Island
- After Hours at Ball and Chain
- Optional Key West Trip

You are all a vital part not only of the Conference, but of the follow up activities of the Section, and we hope to involve as many in your organization as possible.

Join us for a spectacular 2017 Section of International Law Fall Conference! We look forward to welcoming you to Miami.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Richman
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"With a cavalcade of colors, a smattering of Café Bustelo, a riotous mixture of cigar smoke, palm trees and the rounded edges of the female form, Tony Mendoza's raucous street art defines the Cuban American Experience and Samba beat of Calle Ocho more succinctly than any photograph or sociological treatise."

Ryan Jarrell, Brickell Magazine

His art will be displayed (and available for purchase) in the exhibit hall during the conference.
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Tuesday, October 24, 2017

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
MEETING REGISTRATION OPEN

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
TOUR OF THE PORT OF MIAMI (NON-CLE)
A behind-the-Scenes cargo tour of the port of Miami
Wonder what happens when cargo enters and leaves the country? Well, this is your chance to see for yourself! The Port of Miami is one of America's busiest ports and a very important contributor to global markets and economies. It contributes over $17 billion annually to the Florida economy and is known both as the Cruise Capital of the World and the Cargo Getaway of the Americas. This program will commence with a Miami port representative’s presentation on the port’s operations and will conclude with a tour of the port itself, where ABA members will be able to get a behind-the-scenes look at what really happens to cargo at the port.
Round-trip transportation will be provided.

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (NON-CLE)
Join us for this valuable ‘how to’ program for law students and new lawyers seeking to bring their skills to the global arena, as well as experienced practitioners who wish to expand their practices into international law. This Pathways panel will feature lawyers who have built or expanded successful international practices.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
COUNCIL MEETING
The Council is the Section of International Law’s policy-making body, and the source of much of the American Bar Association’s international policy initiatives. In the past few years, the Council has proposed and debated a model U.S. law on freezing orders in litigation, elements of the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, and other key international legal issues. At this meeting the Council will debate major international law policy initiatives, and will be addressed by visiting dignitaries and bar leaders. The Council Meeting is open to all Fall Meeting registrants.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL RECEPTION
Network with some of the most accomplished lawyers in the field.

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
DINNER CRUISE AROUND BISCAYNE BAY
Sail the South Beach Lady Yacht for a fantastic networking dinner cruise around Biscayne Bay. Boarding starts at 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

6:50 AM – 8:00 AM
MEETING FUN RUN/WALK
Ticketed Event—$15
Join us for a Fun 5K Run or 1 Mile Walk. The entrance fee includes t-shirt and post–run refreshments. Please gather at Registration no later than 6:45 AM

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
MEETING REGISTRATION OPEN

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
FIRST-TIMER BREAKFAST
An interactive presentation will answer first time attendee questions about how to make the most of the Fall Conference.

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM
WELCOME (CARLOS A. GIMÉNEZ, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FL)

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
PLENARY—WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA: THERE IS NO TRY
“Do, or do not, there is no try.” Words borrowed from Jedi master, Yoda, in the Star Wars films, this panel lives them. Led by ABA President Hilarie Bass, Managing Partner of Miami-based Greenberg Traurig, this stellar panel of successful women entrepreneurs in media, real estate, emerging markets and technology, will discuss the challenges they have faced in bringing their companies to the forefront of international business.

MODERATOR: Hilarie Bass, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Miami, FL
SPEAKERS: Lisette Calderon, Calderon Holdings of Florida, Miami, FL, Constance Collins, Sundari Foundation, Miami, FL, Laura Maydon, Endeavor, Miami, FL, Melissa Medina, eMerge Americas, Miami, FL
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
THE IMPACT OF NEW TRADE POLICIES ON M&A TRANSACTIONS (BUSINESS LAW)

There have been new approaches to trade policies in the Americas and changes to free trade agreements are in discussion. The market for cross-border M&A transactions is strongly influenced by the applicable trade regime, an aspect which in the past had not been in the focus of attention as free trade hubs have formed a widely accepted principle in many parts of the world. The members of this panel will discuss the effect of changes in trade policies on M&A transactions from the perspective of the U.S. and its most important trading partners in the Americas. On the one hand, limitations on free trade require companies to establish themselves in host countries instead of exporting goods and services. On the other hand access to the host countries’ markets becomes more difficult and expensive, thus raising the thresholds for amortizations of investments. This panel aims at providing the participants with a better understanding of how to assist their clients under changed regulatory conditions in host countries of M&A investments, particularly in the Americas.

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SPEAKERS:
- Turenn Ramirez Ortiz, Sanchez Devanny, Mexico City, Mexico
- David Silk, Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York, NY

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
CISG INTERNATIONAL SALES CONVENTION: VETERANS AND NEWCOMERS, CUBA, BRAZIL AND CISG LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES (FINANCE)


Many uncertainties remain as to whether CISG prevails over domestic legislation and over criteria for performance, conformity of goods, damages and other important issues as applied in each contracting Nation by the local Judiciary or Arbitration Chambers. Especially important is the recent entry of Brazil in the arena and the practice of CISG in the still controversial geopolitical presence of Cuba in the international market. This panel will present an update on the status of the judicial application of CISG in Cuba, Brazil, Mexico and other Latin American Countries, with special focus on Cuba, where CISG is being applied in harmony with the relatively new Mercantile Legislation of the Island. Featuring speakers from the Island of Cuba, Brazil, Mexico and selected countries of the Hemisphere, this panel will supply international practitioners with valuable insider data and information, especially about Cuban mercantile law, information difficult to gather through external channels. International lawyers will gather from this panel precious resources for advising and guiding clients into forming sales contracts and planning dispute resolution of the same with business partners in the Republic of Cuba, Brazil, Mexico and the Hemisphere at large.

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SPEAKERS:
- Felipe Berer, Akerman, LLC, Miami, FL
- Remy Francisco Carreira Franceschi, Carreira Pitti, PC, Panama City, Panama
- MS C. Narciso Cobo Roua, Vice President, Cuban Commercial Arbitration Court; Past President, Cuban Supreme Court, Economic Section; Tenured Professor, University of Habana School of Law

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
BLACKLISTING OFFSHORE JURISDICTIONS: ELIMINATION OF LEGITIMATE TOOLS OF PRIVACY & CORPORATE FINANCE OR IMPORTANT TRANSPARENCY EFFORT? (FINANCE)

The EU & G20 blacklists, Global Forum peer reviews, and the call from NGOs for a crackdown on offshore financial centers, demanding full transparency and outlawing offshore tax havens has been front and center even before investigative reporters began posting results of data leaks. Lost in all of the chatter are questions about the legitimate purposes offshore financial centers still serve: from protecting individual’s privacy rights, to offering security measures for everyone from prosecutors, witnesses, the stalked and abused, to high wealth individuals at risk of kidnapping, death threats, and worse. In these days where individual’s data can be purchased for as little as a dollar, it is easy for bad actors to obtain information that exposes people to higher risks, more so without the “off-shore” option. For private clients, are offshore jurisdictions still viable for holding real estate or other assets? Are the transparency initiatives changing the value proposition of offshore financial centers in a significant way? Aren’t landlocked jurisdictions without palm trees just as vulnerable to the blacklisting processes – or are they? And what of large multinationals; is the OECD BEPS process significantly changing the value of using offshore companies in large corporate groups and MNCs? Are we seeing the beginning of the end of routine corporate use of offshore jurisdictions? How about their use for private equity funds, and as neutral jurisdictions for joint ventures and consortia? Join us as we tackle the greater issues of legitimate use of off-shore vehicles and what recent efforts mean for those who use them without criminal intent.

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11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
SO YOU GOT OFF THE PLANE AND YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE ETHICAL: COMPARATIVE LEGAL ETHICS FOCUSING ON LATIN AMERICAN JURISDICTIONS (LEGAL PRACTICE & DISPUTES)

This panel will compare legal ethics in Latin American jurisdictions with ethical rules in the US, the EU and elsewhere. Specific issues to be discussed and compared include local procedures for identifying, codifying and implementing ethical rules, the role and scope of the attorney client privilege and work product privilege, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, specific rules for international practitioners (including mediators and arbitrators) and other ethical rules for litigators.

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PANEL CHAIR:
Lawrence W. Hanson, The Law Office of Lawrence W. Hanson, P.C., Houston, TX

MODERATOR:
Alexandra Barraby, The Art Law Firm, Los Angeles, CA

SPEAKERS:
Santiago Concha, CR Law, Bogota, Colombia
Jorge E. de Hoyos Walther, De Hoyos y Aviles, Guadalajara, Mexico
Fernando Jamarne, Alessandri Law Firm - Attorneys at Law, Santiago, Chile
Pablo Ferraro Mila, Gonzalez & Ferraro Mila, Buenos Aires, Argentina

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
WHAT IS BEING DONE TO COMBAT ILLEGAL ANIMAL TRAFFICKING IN THE AMERICAS? (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW)

Today, the illegal wildlife trade is increasing at an alarming rate and threatens to reverse decades of conservation gains. Poaching threatens the last of the world’s wild tigers. Trafficking in ivory has been proven to fund terrorist groups. Wildlife crime is a big business run by dangerous international networks; wildlife and animal parts are trafficked like illegal drugs and arms. It is very difficult to obtain reliable figures for the value of illegal wildlife trade, but all estimates are large. Miami is a major port of entry for illegally trafficked wildlife, whether parts or live animals. Our speakers are all experts trying to enforce the law and stop this horrific practice.

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International Animal Law

PANEL CHAIR AND MODERATOR:
Marcy Stras, Cozen O’Connor, Washington, DC

SPEAKERS:
Daina Bray, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Yarmouth Port, MA

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
THE WORLD’S POLICEMAN? DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GLOBAL REACH OF U.S. CRIMINAL LAW (REGULATORY)

Just because a person resides and acts overseas does not mean he or she is immune from prosecution in the United States. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, antitrust laws, and wire fraud laws all have important implications for both businesses and individuals who act overseas. Join us as leading practitioners in the field—representing both government agencies and those subject to government investigation—provide key insights concerning recent developments in the U.S. laws that apply to foreign conduct and what both U.S. and international lawyers need to know to effectively represent their clients. This panel will include a discussion of the Trump administration’s approach to global enforcement.

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International Criminal Law

PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR:
Melissa Ginsberg, Patterson Belknap Webb and Tyler LLP, New York, NY

SPEAKERS:
David P. Burns, Gibson Dunn, Washington, DC
Stephane de Navacelle, Navacelle Avocats, Paris, France
Julie Martin, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM
LUNCHEON

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
DUE DILIGENCE IN INTERNATIONAL M&A TRANSACTIONS IN A NEW PROTECTIONIST ERA (BUSINESS LAW)

Since winning the 2016 election, President Trump has sought to implement a number of protectionist measures that he believes will help to fulfill his “Make America Great Again” campaign pledge. Conversely, a number of countries, including Brazil, have taken actions to open their markets. These developments are making it very challenging for companies engaging in international merger and acquisitions (M&A) and the lawyers who advise them on such deals. During this lively program, a panel comprised of in-house counsel and private practitioners from the U.S., Canada, and Latin America will analyze several hypothetical transactions to demonstrate the opportunities and challenges that exist for companies seeking to pursue international M&A deals in this new era. They also will discuss recent enforcement developments where U.S. authorities have relied on the successor liability doctrine to impose penalties on acquirers for violations of U.S. export controls and economic sanctions committed by the target company prior to the acquisition. In addition, the panelists will offer recommendations for effectively complying with U.S., Canadian, and Brazilian trade and investment laws when pursuing international M&A deals.

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Wednesday, October 25, 2017 (continued)

PANEL CHAIR:
Geoffrey Goodale, FisherBroyles, LLP, Washington, DC

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND LITIGATION AS MECHANISMS FOR PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA (DISPUTES)

In a globalized economy, legal issues related to compliance and corruption may impact national and foreign investors. The recent corruption scandal unveiled by the car wash operation, involving the Brazilian NOC, Petrobras, gave rise to class actions filed in the U.S. On the other hand, Brazilian investors may end up submitting their claims to arbitration according to Petrobras bylaws, raising issues with respect to the jurisdiction of U.S. state courts via a vis such specific dispute resolution mechanisms. International lawyers must be prepared to deal with different dispute mechanisms in different jurisdictions and evaluate pros and cons associated with each option. Join experts from different jurisdictions to help understand the effects of corruption and compliance issues on the rights of investors and their associated claims, as well as the use of mass arbitration as an alternative to class actions filed by investors, and the future of international dispute resolution.

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PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR:
Sergio André Laclau, Veirano Advogados, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Barry Appleton, Appleton & Associates, Toronto, Canada
Nicole Duclos, Covington & Burling, New York, NY
Rachel Giesber Clingman, BHP Billiton Petroleum Americas, Houston, TX
William Wood, Norton Rose Fulbright, Houston, TX

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
I, ROBOT - THE INCREASING USE AND MISUSE OF TECHNOLOGY BY IN-HOUSE LEGAL DEPARTMENTS (LEGAL PRACTICE)

Under the gun to increase efficiency and boost productivity, and faced with a plethora of technological tools and services at their disposal, in-house legal departments increasingly turn to technology. Will this lead to robots replacing attorneys? Will online forms replace customized agreements? Will software substitute for people in litigation discovery and transactional due diligence? Will all billing and collection be automated through PayPal? Does all this technology really save time and money, or just add to our stress and aggravation? What are the legal and ethical ramifications of this techno trend? This panel will discuss when and how in-house legal departments are using technology, and when technology is a poor substitute for good, old fashioned lawyering.

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Jose Sariego, Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod, Miami, FL

SPEAKERS:
Marcie R. Getelman, Lennar Corporation, Miami, FL
Jose E. Gonzalez, Trapezoid, Inc., Miami, FL
Ian McDougall, LexisNexis, New York, NY
Jurg Zundel, Caterpillar, Inc., Miami, FL

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
FINE ART AS AN ASSET CLASS: TRANSACTIONAL CONCERNS FOR INVESTORS, LENDERS, FUNDS, AND FIUDCIARIES (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW)

There is a growing realization among financial investors and wealth managers that fine art is an important asset class with significant potential for generating capital appreciation and trading profits. However, art market professionals warn that a number of concerns threaten to undermine the integrity of the international art market, such as price manipulation, conflicts of interest, lack of transparency, tax evasion, money laundering and secret commissions. How should these concerns be addressed and mitigated in a coherent and coordinated manner? Will the increasing government focus on expanded regulation and tightening controls over the financial markets affect the global trade in fine art for better or worse? This program will examine the inherent risks associated with transacting in fine art and collectibles and will attempt to predict how governments will react to increasing pressure to regulate investment in this idiosyncratic asset class.

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PANEL CHAIR:
Michael McCullough, Pearlstein McCullough & Lederman, New York, NY

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
POPULISM, PROTECTIONISM, NATIONALISM AND OTHER “ISMS”: IS THIS THE END OF FREE TRADE? (REGULATORY)

U.S. elections, Brexit, EU referenda, the rise of populist and nationalist parties, the failure of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and other significant changes that have taken place during the last two years appear to indicate that the era of multilateral free trade agreements may be over. Or, do these developments indicate that they will simply be replaced by bilateral and smaller regional agreements? How will trade, services and labor mobility be affected? The debate around these agreements goes beyond trade and includes commitments in social and regulatory matters, labor mobility, investment and environmental policies. Is the leadership role of developed countries at an end? How will emerging markets cope with increased trade barriers?

This panel will discuss the latest developments in international agreements on trade and economic relations between nations, taking into consideration the perspective of various countries and the changing landscape in the area.

COMMITTEE SPONSOR:
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PANEL CHAIR AND MODERATOR:
Sergio R. Karas, Karas Immigration Law Professional Corporation, Toronto, Canada

SPEAKERS:
Anna Birtwistle, CM Murray, London, UK
Monterrey, Mexico

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2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
MEXICO FDI OUTLOOK IN THE WAKE OF TRUMP: IS TOURISM AND REAL ESTATE THE LAST HOPE AFTER TRADE DEALS AND ENERGY INVESTMENT FALTER? (FINANCE)

The U.S. has withdrawn from TPP. NAFTA is being renegotiated. Mexican oil remains cheap and scarce, interest rates are on the rise, and the peso remains weak. On the other hand, the Trump administration is deregulating the financial industry and lowering taxes, capital is flowing, and international investors are looking for new opportunities and markets. Is Mexican tourism and high-end residential real estate the U.S.-dollar denominated safe play? This panel will discuss the impact of Trump’s “America First” policies on Mexico and how the country is diversifying and adapting by doubling down on investment in the tourism industry. Legal and industry experts from both sides of the border will discuss the legal framework and vehicles for private and institutional investment in Mexican real estate, cross-border financing structures, environmental and land use issues, NAFTA Chapter 11 and the rule of law. The panel will be organized as a discussion of a hypothetical transaction involving a Miami-based developer, a New York private equity fund and a Mexican REIT, with questions from the moderator fielded by the panelists.

COMMITTEE SPONSOR: Mexico

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PANEL CHAIR AND SPEAKER: Ben Rosen, Rosen Law SC, San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico

MODERATOR: Jonathan Kracer, Sion Capital LLC (invited)

SPEAKER: Daniel Zanini, Marriot Vacations Worldwide (invited)

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
ONE CUBA LIBRE, PLEASE: HAVANA CLUB, BACARDI AND THE CUBAN IP CONUNDRUM (DISPUTES)

This roundtable discussion will consider the recently reignited Havana Club rum litigation, a case study in the opportunities and challenges of intellectual property litigation related to Cuba. Since the 1980s, Bacardi, the distributor of Havana Club in the U.S., has been embroiled in on-and-off lawsuits against Cubaexport and Pernod Ricard, the joint venture that owns the Havana Club mark in Cuba. With the recent opening of commercial relations with Cuba and the PTO's renewal of the Cuban-owned mark in the U.S., this litigation has reached uncharted territory. Using the example of the Havana Club case, the panel will explore how U.S. firms should litigate intellectual property disputes with Cuban entities. The panel will focus on both the U.S. and Cuban intellectual property regimes, the international players involved, and the role of the embargo in U.S.-Cuba commercial litigation.

COMMITTEE SPONSOR: Latin America and the Caribbean

PANEL CHAIR AND MODERATOR: Jorge Mestre, Rivero Mestre LLP, Miami, FL

SPEAKERS: Jose Fernandez, Carnival Corporation, Miami, FL
José Rojas, DLD Lawyers, Miami, FL
William R. Trueba Jr., Espinosa Trueba Martinez, Miami, FL

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4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
**CARIBBEAN OFFSHORE JURISDICTIONS AS STEPPING STONES FOR CROSS-BORDER INVESTMENTS IN THE AMERICAS (FINANCE)**

Tax neutrality, privacy, asset protection, risk allocation … a few of the reasons why offshore jurisdictions are often used as a conduit for cross-border investments. This trend is likely to continue in the future, at least with respect to the major offshore jurisdictions which have taken steps towards transparency and compliance with international and U.S. standards. As part of this program, a mix of experienced and dynamic M&A, tax and investment funds professionals will discuss the place of offshore jurisdictions in the global economy, and the potential impact of recent economic and political changes in the Americas on cross-border investments.

**Key Issues:**
- Funds and Other Offshore Structures and Their Role in Cross-Border Investments
- Tax and Compliance Considerations related to Offshore Structures
- M&A and Corporate Finance Trends in the Americas
- How Will Offshore be Impacted by Recent Political Changes in the Americas

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**SPEAKERS:**
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- Fernanda Bastos, O’Farrell & Flesch Advogados, Brazil
- Pablo Falabella, Bulló Abogados, Argentina
- Fabian Pal, Fabian A. Pal, P.A., Miami, FL
- Kevin P. Scanlan, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, New York, NY

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
**THE NEW SURGE OF ENERGY IN THE AMERICAS: RENEWABLES DEVELOPMENTS, DEALS AND DISPUTES (REGULATORY)**

In recent years, parts of the Americas have experienced a proliferation of renewable energy developments. Projects and deals may vary by size and level of complexity, but they tend to contain certain elements within their core legal framework. This panel will focus on best practices for navigating the intricacies of renewables transactions by addressing timely topics in the industry, such as trends in types of renewable energy, issues concerning project financing, the role of private capital and investment banks, subsidies and fiscal incentives, shifting regulatory frameworks, regional and domestic legal developments, and strategies for conflict management and dispute resolution. What lessons can the Americas learn from other regions to foster a friendly climate for renewable energy projects, and what steps can investors take to protect their interests? Through an interactive and interdisciplinary discussion, analyzing past and present with an eye to the future, this panel will provide value to lawyers in a cross-section of concentrations.

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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN BRAZIL AND THE U.S.: THE EFFECTIVE USE OF LENIENCY AND DEFERRED PROSECUTION AGREEMENTS (BUSINESS LAW)

Since so many Brazilian companies are government-owned or controlled, public procurement rules play a disproportionate role in who may do business with them. For companies caught up in the swirl of corruption investigations now taking place in Brazil, the consequences are enormous. The prospect of debarment and related sanctions can cripple a company’s ability to do business in Brazil and elsewhere. Through the prospect of leniency agreements, the Clean Companies Act, as implemented, provides incentives for companies seeking to protect themselves from debarment. As a result, leniency agreements are now playing a critical role for international companies seeking global resolutions in corruption investigations. Leniency agreements under the Clean Companies Act are similar in many respects to deferred prosecution agreements in the United States. Disclosure, cooperation and taking steps in terms of compliance programs and remediation are required. Yet, the process of securing leniency agreements is entirely new and evolving. It can be complicated. A company may need to obtain approvals from multiple units of government. What may be required by each unit of government may also vary. This panel of leading experts will discuss recent developments with a particular focus on what may be required for a leniency agreement in order for a company to remain eligible for business opportunities in Brazil.

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PANEL CHAIR & SPEAKER: Renata F. Andrade, Willis Towers Watson, São Paulo, Brazil
PANEL CHAIR, MODERATOR & SPEAKER: Stuart H. Deming, Deming PLLC, Washington, DC
SPEAKERS: Josefa Sicard-Mirabal, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC
Celina Ozorio, L.O. Baptista Schmidt Valois Miranda Ferreira Agel, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Bernardo Weaver, Tauil & Chequer, São Paulo, Brazil

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9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN CUBA (DISPUTES)

The liberalization of U.S. diplomatic and trade policy toward Cuba enacted during the Obama administration has already resulted in enhanced foreign investment in the island. Where cross-border business increases, however, cross-border disputes tend to follow. Cuban international arbitration law and practice consequently become relevant to how these disputes might be resolved. In this panel, distinguished arbitration practitioners will explore current Cuban international arbitration practice and such surrounding issues as its regulation and the enforcement of arbitral awards arising from disputes with a Cuban nexus. The panel will specifically discuss Cuba’s current arbitration statute, which was enacted in 2007 and established the Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration (CCICA). Other matters the panel will address include the similarities and differences of Cuban arbitration law to those of other Latin American states, investor-state arbitration regarding Cuba, and tips for U.S. practitioners handling international arbitrations with a Cuban connection.

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PANEL CHAIR, MODERATOR & SPEAKER:
Ernesto J. Sanchez, Law Offices of Ernesto J. Sanchez, Miami, FL

SPEAKERS:
Pedro Martinez-Fraga, Bryan Cave LLP, Miami, FL
Aymee D. Valdivia Granda, Holland & Knight LLP, Miami, FL

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
THE OECD’S BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHARING (BEPS) PROJECT: IMPACT ON MULTINATIONALS DOING BUSINESS IN THE AMERICAS (CUSTOMS AND TAX) (FINANCE)

The OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) project provides an international framework aimed at curtailing tax planning strategies that artificially shift profits to low or no-tax jurisdictions. When implemented, BEPS measures will result in important regulatory reforms throughout the Americas that will require multinational enterprises to re-evaluate their business and tax reduction strategies and supply chain models. This panel will feature leading tax and customs law specialists from Canada, the U.S., Mexico and South America. The panelists will provide an overview of BEPS and its impact on multinational enterprises doing business in the Americas. The panelists will discuss anticipated regulatory reforms in income tax, commodity tax and custom laws and will offer participants practical strategies for managing risk in this rapidly changing regulatory environment.

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PANEL CHAIRS:
Jessica Horwitz, Bennett Jones LLP, Toronto, Canada
Laura Murray, Bennett Jones LLP, Toronto, Canada

MODERATOR:
Darrel Pearson, Bennett Jones LLP, Toronto, Canada

SPEAKERS:
Kim Boylan, White and Case LLP, Washington, DC
Turennia Ramirez Ortiz, Sánchez Devanny, Mexico City, Mexico
Cassius Vinicius de Carvalho, Garrigues, São Paulo, Brazil

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
BE CHANCE-MAKERS FOR YOURSELF AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION (LEGAL PRACTICE)

Chronic stress and associated effects on health and relationships are a well-documented disproportionate problem of the legal profession. Despite efforts to combat these issues, depression, other adverse health effects and suicide continue to be on the rise. This is because we are addressing the symptoms but not the causes. To truly deal with this challenge, we must examine what is causing this stress together with openness and a desire to evolve the legal profession collectively. We will learn in this session how mind-training and meditation can assist you to uncover hidden thought patterns that drive repetitive dysfunctional behavior that lead to stress and associated issues. This will not only empower you to make meaningful changes to face the demands of the legal profession, but it will also allow you to access your untapped potential. These tools should be particularly helpful to young attorneys who are facing such pressures for the first time as they build their professional lives and women attorneys who continue to face distinctive challenges in balancing professional and personal demands. Beyond making changes at the individual level, we also need to recognize that the legal profession as a whole needs to embrace a more conscious and altruistic evolution, to ensure its viability and longevity. This program will explore how the legal profession around the world is beginning to meet the challenge and will be a forum to discuss how to meet this challenge.

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PANEL CHAIR:
Yee Wah Chin, Ingram Yuzek et al., New York, NY

PANEL CHAIR, MODERATOR & SPEAKER:
M. Aureaellia Wang, Google Inc., Hong Kong

SPEAKERS:
Darren S. Tucker, Morgan Lewis, Washington, DC
Ocean WhiteHawk, Samadhi Centre, Hong Kong

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
PROGRESS TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW)

The Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, which was established by the UN General Assembly in 2010, held its seventh session in December 2016. In light of the fact that by 2050 older persons worldwide will exceed children under the age of 15, the Group has been considering a comprehensive and integral international legal instrument to promote and protect the rights and dignity of older persons. The highlight of the session was the report of Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte, the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons. The Group has been considering a legally binding convention possibly operating on a regional level. The proposed program will explore and discuss the results of the seventh working group session and explore and discuss a regional convention to protect elderly rights adopted by the Organization of American States (“OAS”).

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The Car Wash Operation initially concerned Brazilian and foreign contractors of Petrobras that secured contracts through the payment of bribes. As the investigations developed, a larger corruption scheme was disclosed that involved other public bodies in Brazil, as well as foreign officials in many Latin American countries. Companies involved in these schemes face the challenge of developing an international defense strategy that involves liaising with multiple authorities at the same time. This is particularly challenging if the companies decide to cooperate with authorities in Brazil and the information disclosed is used as a basis for legal action brought in other jurisdictions. The Odebrecht settlement and other cases have a lot to teach us with regard to the level of cooperation among multiple authorities, the greater enforcement of anti-corruption laws throughout the Americas, and the challenges companies and defense attorneys face in this context.

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**PANEL CHAIR:** Adriana Dantas, BMA – Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão, São Paulo, Brazil

**10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Break**

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **Opportunities and Challenges of Doing Business in and with the New Cuba (Business Law)**

In 2016, the Obama Administration took numerous actions to make permanent improvements to relations between the U.S. and Cuba, including some commercial ones. However, various key aspects of the longstanding U.S. embargo against Cuba remain in place and cannot be eliminated absent legislation, which neither Congress nor President Trump seem intent on seeking. Complicating things further, Canada and the European Union (EU) have blocking regulations that prohibit entities subject to their jurisdiction from complying with the U.S. embargo against Cuba. During this interactive program, a panel comprised of government officials, in-house counsel, and private practitioners from the U.S., EU, and Canada will analyze several hypothetical transactions to demonstrate the opportunities and challenges that exist for companies that seek to do business in or with the new Cuba. In addition, the panelists will discuss best practices for complying with U.S., EU, and Canadian laws relating to Cuba.

**COMMITTEE SPONSOR:** Export Controls and Economic Sanctions

**PANEL CHAIR:** Geoffrey Goodale, FisherBroyles, LLP, Washington, DC

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM As a Moth is Drawn to the Light, So is a Litigant Drawn to the United States (Disputes)**

Why do so many foreign claimants, particularly from Latin America, bring suit in the U.S. – even against foreign defendants, and particularly in federal court in Miami? Is it the nice weather? In this global environment, what are the key decision points on deciding to sue in the U.S.? Is it getting easier or harder for foreign defendants to obtain dismissals from U.S. courts? What are the standards courts examine in deciding whether a case should stay in the U.S.? How have U.S. courts allowed an extraterritorial reach to U.S. laws? This multi-jurisdictional panel will examine when foreign plaintiffs will be able to maintain suit in the U.S., focusing on recent cases dealing with forum non conveniens and attempts to assert personal jurisdiction over foreign defendants and foreign sovereigns. Discussion will also focus on strategic considerations for foreign plaintiffs and defendants alike in connection with litigation in the United States.

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**PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR:** Edward M. Mullins, Reed Smith LLP, Miami, FL

**SPEAKERS:**
- Ernesto Gamboa, Gamboa & Acevedo, Bogota, Colombia
- Joseph Mamounas, Holland & Knight, Miami FL
- Rafael Ribeiro, Hogan Lovells, Miami, FL
- Gilbert Squires, Squires Benson PL, Miami, FL

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Applying for a Loan?: Due Diligence Documents, Requirements and Guaranties (Finance)**

Private financing characteristics differ among countries in Latin America; therefore, investors must be aware of the common practices and typical information required by financial institutions and private sector lenders in considering the financing of a transaction. The panel will provide an in-depth view of the due diligence procedures in these transactions, possibilities to negotiate the terms of the loan, as well as the accepted guaranties in each jurisdiction. The panelists will also provide examples of private lender financing transactions in each of their countries, in order to further illustrate the differences between financial institution and private lender financing and what they require to approve the transaction.

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**PANEL CHAIR:** Fabian Pal, Fabian A. Pal, P.A., Miami, FL
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
SECURING REAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR PROJECTS IN LATIN AMERICA (LEGAL PRACTICE)

Come hear senior representatives from developers, banks and advisors discuss how land-related issues impact the development and financing of energy and infrastructure projects in Latin America. From the conception and diligence stage of the project to the negotiation of the project and financing documents, and post-disbursement operational phase, this panel will walk you through how issues related to land rights are addressed and the associated risks therewith are mitigated. Using a mock project as a basis for the discussion, the panelists will address topics such as clear title and ownership issues involving the project site, the granting of usufructs or long-term leases, establishing surface and sub-surface rights, the role of indigenous and local communities, state-owned assets that may need to be acquired from the government, and environmental and other matters impacting projects throughout Latin America. The panel also will explore how regulatory frameworks and recent developments and reforms in certain economies in Latin America make them more investor-friendly to develop energy and infrastructure projects; what are some lessons learned from the region and examples of the successful resolution of land matters on conventional and renewable energy and infrastructure projects; and how developers and investors can successfully collaborate to mitigate the risks associated with projects in the region from 2017 onwards.

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SPEAKERS: Annette Bárcenas, Alfaro, Ferrer & Ramirez, Panama City, Panama
Rebecca DeBakey, Stewart Title, Houston, TX
Sebastian Deschler, TerraForm Power, Bethesda, MD
Rebekah K. Grover, International Finance Corporation, Mexico City, Mexico
Katherine Scheider Hallahan, Inter-American Investment Corporation, Washington, DC

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
NEW TRENDS IN TRADE & INVESTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA: A RESPONSE TO U.S. PROTECTIONISM (REGULATORY)

The panel addresses recent political changes in Latin American countries by making the case that these are leading to a scenario with more openness in trade and favorable circumstances for investment. In particular, recent elections in Argentina and Peru, as well as the political turmoil in Brazil, have caused noticeable shifts in international policy, with governments establishing more free market oriented policies and enhancing business opportunities. Furthermore, MERCOSUR is seriously engaged in negotiations to conclude a free trade agreement with the European Union. At the same time, the Chileans are attempting to align MERCOSUR and the Pacific Alliance to increase South American trade and investment with East Asia. The panel will also explore the potential impact in Latin America of a protectionist U.S. trade policy as promised by the Trump administration.

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PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR: Thomas Andrew O’Keefe, Mercosur Consulting Group, Ltd, San Francisco, CA

SPEAKERS: Jane Bussey, F T I Consulting, Houston, TX
Ines Bustillo, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Washington, DC
Carla Junqueira, Mattos Engelberg Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil
Pablo Ferraro Mila, Gonzalez & Ferraro Mila Abogados, Buenos Aires, Argentina

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL POLICY, POLITICS AND THE FUTURE OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: THE IMPACTS OF TERRITORIALISM ON THE CONTINUED EVOLUTION OF CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL)

The dynamics of globalization have been central to the emergence of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a key imperative of governments and corporations. While the role of the state is sometimes de-emphasized, governments have played a critical role in promoting sustainability and human rights issues domestically by implementing international standards and expectations into domestic policy and regulation. What happens to the further development of CSR if the dynamics of globalization are changed by the resurgence of territorialism in the international order? This panel will explore the role of governments in driving the sustainability agenda by considering distinct areas of international and domestic action at different stages of regulatory development, including bribery and corruption, revenue transparency, climate change and Business and Human Rights. Specialists in the field will share their views on the future of CSR and the roles of both state and non-state actors in the ongoing development of CSR internationally and domestically.

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PANEL CHAIR, MODERATOR & SPEAKER: Claudia Feldkamp, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Toronto, Canada

SPEAKER: Josh Scheinert, Bennett Jones, Toronto, Canada

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
IMPACTS OF TERRITORIALISM ON THE CONTINUED EVOLUTION OF CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL)
We are in the midst of a global technological revolution where our smartphones have brought our banks, retail shopping, doctors and many aspects of daily living all within the palms of our hands. Digital payments using smartphones are growing at a record pace. These new innovations create great efficiencies but also carry new risk. This panel will explore how to manage digital payment risk on mobile devices, touching on topics such as the growth and regulation of the fintech industry, growing threat of cyber attacks and ransomware, data privacy, ownership and information sharing challenges, the rise of virtual currencies and online wallets, cross-border issues, and attendant privacy, corruption and fraud risks related to the use of smartphones to make digital payments in our increasingly ever-connection world.

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2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

HOW SMART IS YOUR SMART PHONE REALLY? MANAGING DIGITAL PAYMENT RISK ON MOBILE DEVICES (BUSINESS LAW)

An esteemed panel of judges will explore the current status of international law in judicial decision-making, including cross-border enforcement of judgments, international precedent, and the continuing relevance of, and attacks on, the place of international law in American courtrooms.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER
Honorable Lisa S. Walsh, Circuit Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL

SPEAKERS:
Honorable Curtis V. Gomez, U.S. District Court of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, VI
Honorable John Thornton, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL
Honorable Ursula Ungaro, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami, FL

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

THE CHALLENGES OF BIG DATA FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL (LEGAL PRACTICE)

Implementation of data security is becoming more and more important in a variety of industries. Most companies are now data collectors and are working on protecting consumer data and the legal and technological barriers to effective security and privacy. Some companies use data in its anonymized and aggregate form, while others use identifying information for targeting. Regardless of the nature of the data, how do big data businesses deal with the challenges? This session will include a discussion of legal and corporate considerations for effective security and privacy, including GDPR compliance.

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PANEL CHAIR: Deniz Tamer, MTICC, New York, NY

MODERATOR: Aliya Ramji, Figure 1, Toronto, Canada

SPEAKERS:
Caio César C. Lima, Opice Blum Advogados Associados, São Paulo, Brazil
Leite Monteiro, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo, Brazil
Joseph Prestia, Law Office of Joseph D. Prestia PLLC, Knoxville, TN

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

BEYOND RHETORIC: THE ROLE & RIGHTS OF REFUGEES IN AN INNOVATED GLOBAL ECONOMY (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW)

Our world is rapidly changing due to globalization, demographic transformation, terrorism, technology, political movements (including Brexit) and the perennial global refugee crisis. Some of these changes have caused fundamental shifts in the modus operandi of major corporations.

What precisely has been the response following the refugee crisis? Has the corporate world managed to integrate refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons in this increasingly competitive market?

In an exciting, interactive setting, our panel of world-renowned stakeholders will bring to fore many impediments to the economic empowerment of refugees in the Americas and beyond, effectively appraising and redefining their roles and rights. In so doing, we will endeavor to influence national laws and corporate policies with a view to the empowerment of refugees as active participants and leaders of innovation in an ever-changing, competitive global market.

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PANEL CHAIR: Olufunmil Oluyede, TRPLAW, Lagos, Nigeria

MODERATOR: Chidinma B. Thompson, Borden Ladner Gervais, Calgary, Canada
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SPAKERS:
Ayodele Akenroye, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
Lisette Lavergne, Lavergne PC, Los Angeles, CA

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Changes in Leadership in Argentina, Brazil and the United States: How Will This Affect Future Trade Relations (Regulatory)

Brazil has the largest market in South America and the U.S. has the largest market in North America, yet these two countries have no free trade agreement with each other and are not part of the same regional agreements like NAFTA or CAFTA. Brazil has traditionally looked to MERCOSUR, while the US has many trade agreements with Latin American countries, multilateral and bilateral. Each country now has a new president, both taking office under highly unique and publically scrutinized circumstances. What can we expect in future trade relations between these two countries of over half a billion people? Similarly, Argentina, after years of cool trade relations with the U.S. under the Peronistas, which resulted in the removal of Argentina as an eligible beneficiary country under the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences, has a new pro-business President from the opposition party, Mauricio Macri. Lisa, like President Trump is appealing to the business community but unlike Trump has a more open free trade agenda. Our experienced panelists from Latin America and the U.S. Public and private sectors will help us understand how these new presidents are likely to shape the relationship between these important trading partners and what your company or clients should be doing now.

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PANEL CHAIR:
Leslie A. Glick, Butzel Long, Washington, DC

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Break

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Use of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code to Support Investigations of Corporate Fraud (Business Law)

Foreign creditors, especially banks and financial institutions, can benefit from proceedings under Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, which provides an “exclusive door” to the U.S. court system for the foreign representative of a non-U.S. bankruptcy estate. In situations where a non-U.S. insolvency involves or has been caused by fraud, including by a corporation’s senior management or by its controlling shareholders, bankruptcy judges in the U.S. have given trustees fairly wide discretion to conduct discovery and seek assets in the U.S. They have done so in some instances by recognizing the validity of non-U.S. veil piercing orders, which can extend corporate liability to third parties when the estate can demonstrate an intent to defraud creditors. This presentation will explain how Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code can be a powerful tool in the investigation of fraud, and gives trustees and creditors the authority to obtain critical evidence for use in non-U.S. proceedings, claw back misappropriated funds, and secure assets for distribution to corporate stakeholders left holding the bag after corporate fraud that results in insolvency.

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John Couriel, Kobre & Kim, Miami, FL
COMMITTEE SPONSORS:
Thomas Felsberg, Felsberg Advogados, New York, NY
Farrington Yates, Kobre & Kim, São Paulo, Brazil

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Double Trouble? Dealing Effectively with Parallel Court and Arbitration Proceedings in the Americas and Europe (Disputes)

A contract is a contract. And an international arbitration agreement is a contract. However, when a dispute arises, not all signatories are willing to honor the arbitration agreement and instead turn to national courts. Parallel court litigation and international arbitration proceedings are a fact of life. This program – focusing on jurisdictions in the Americas and Europe – will explore the numerous issues that parallel proceedings raise and potential solutions, including actions for breach of the arbitration agreement, forum non conveniens, lis pendens, anti-suit injunctions, issue estoppel, and res judicata. Panelists will also address the implications of parallel proceedings for the jurisdiction of a national court or an arbitral tribunal and the recognition and enforcement of court judgments and arbitral awards.

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PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR:
Guido Carducci, Carducci Arbitration & Legal (Paris-Rome), Paris, France

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Building Glass Houses in the Americas: New Policies and Standards to Fight Corruption and Strengthen Confidence for Foreign Investors (Finance)

Governments are increasingly realizing the importance of implementing new codes of ethics, transparency measures and anti-corruption legislation in order to promote and maintain a higher level of public confidence for foreign investors in real estate and other business assets in Latin America. Global capital markets are reacting positively as new legislation and regulations are targeting fraud and corruption while establishing clear and standardized procedures that can be relied upon by potential investors. Learn about these exciting recent developments as a panel of experts from across the legal and business sectors examine what is trending in Mexico and a number of other countries in the areas of regulatory compliance, risk assessment, internal controls and procedures and new technological solutions.

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PANEL CHAIR:
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MODERATOR:
Polly Greenberg, Duff & Phelps, New York, NY

SPEAKERS:
Alexandra Manea, World Bank, Washington, DC
Mariela Melhern, Miratni Caballo, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Laura Nava, Shepard Mullins, Los Angeles, CA
Elaine Woods, Duff and Phelps, New York, NY

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

RACE RELATIONS AND “IMPLICIT BIAS” – A CRITICAL COMPLIANCE ISSUE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AND LEGAL EDUCATORS (LEGAL PRACTICE)

Now, more than ever, issues involving diversity, religion, race relations, and “implicit bias” are taking center stage in both government agencies and corporations globally. Politicians, judges, police departments, and other government officials across the world are being criticized for bias against certain classes of individuals, and agencies are looking for ways to train employees to prevent conflict and to avoid legal risks. Similarly, implicit bias training is becoming a central component in domestic and international corporate compliance programs. As a result of recent political events (such as U.S.-Mexico challenges, global resistance to immigration, and Brexit), this issue is even more pronounced in the Americas and in Europe, and is becoming somewhat of a global “epidemic.”

From an ethics and professional responsibility perspective, the legal profession bears a significant responsibility in educating lawyers to identify and prevent bias, and to protect the constitutional and legal rights of individuals in corporations, courts, government bodies, and law firms. This panel will bring together key experts to discuss the evolution of this important topic, why it is a critical component of any compliance training program, and the role that this issue plays in educating lawyers. The panel will include a short interactive demonstration by Harvard’s “Project Implicit” with audience participation, and we will hear insight from Google Compliance, which launched one of the first Implicit Bias trainings, and from a key official handling U.S./Mexico business relations. The panel will then bring everything together as it relates to the legal profession, with guidance for employers, legal educators, and curriculum development.

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PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR:
Melanie A. Frank, The Global Trade Group PLLC, Washington, DC

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Can Child Abduction be Legitimate? (Public International Law)

Panel discussion on the legal and practical hurdles a parent faces when fleeing a country with children alleging domestic violence with either child or parent victims. The panel will survey the civil and criminal laws, both domestic and international under which the fleeing parent and child either will find protection and shelter, or perhaps, forced return, prosecution and subsequent loss of regular parent-child contact. Major functions and features of child recovery and return under International, and US laws and administrative procedures will be reviewed.

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PANEL CHAIRS:
Eliza Hebditch, Farrer & Co LLP, London, UK
Markus Zwicky, Zwicky Windlin and Partner, Zug, Switzerland

MODERATORS:
Jesus Eduardo Arias, Law Office of Jesus Eduardo Arias, Los Angeles, CA
Maritza Rodriguez, Rodriguez Law Firm, LLC, Newark, NJ

SPEAKERS:
Pamela Brown, Bi-National Family Violence Project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., (TRLA), Mercedes, TX
Honorable Judith L. Kreeger, Senior Judge, Eleventh Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL; United States International Hague Network Judge
Honorable Oscar Gregorio Cervera Rivero, Judge, Superior Court of Justice of the Federal District (Presidente de la Segunda Sala Familiar, Tribunal Superior de Justicia de la Ciudad de México), International Hague Network Judge, Mexico D.F.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

AML Regulations and Its Impact on Businesses in Emerging Markets (Regulatory)

With an increase in terrorist financing and money laundering concerns, Anti-money laundering (AML) and combating the financing of terrorism (CFT) laws have become important tools for many countries in the world. However, these efforts are increasingly hurting emerging market economies and businesses, all the while driving illicit funds to be transmitted via even less transparent channels. Specifically, correspondent banking relationships and Money Service Businesses (MSBs) which serve to facilitate much of cross-border transfers of funds are subject to a risk based approach and de-risking requirements, which means ceasing correspondent banking relationships with banks located in emerging markets. Restrictions on processing of payments originating from customers in emerging markets are other common measures taken by banks to meet the increasing burden of AML regulatory requirements. This panel will discuss the risk based approach and de-risking requirements for financial institutions’ AML programs and their impact on businesses located in emerging markets as well as fund flows, discussions around financial inclusion and AML programs led by Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and interpretation of FATF’s guidelines, and potential solutions for alleviating the unintended effects as well as facilitating enhancement of AML programs in the financial institutions in emerging markets.

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International Anti-Money Laundering

PANEL CHAIR:
Mikhail Reider-Gordon, Navigant, Los Angeles, CA

PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR:
Eunjung Park, FAS, Washington, DC

SPEAKERS:
Chris Bidwell, FAS, Washington, DC
Daniela Bottai, PayPal, São Paulo, Brazil
Kalidou Gadio, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Washington, DC
Nan (Roy) Ling, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Argentina), Buenos Aires, Argentina
Calvin Wilson, Caribbean Financial Action Task Force, Trinidad and Tobago

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Committee Dinners at JW Marriot Marquis

9:30 PM – 11:30 PM
Women’s Business Law Network Sweet Endings Dessert Reception

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7:30 AM – 8:45 AM
Committee Breakfasts

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Mary Jane Goes Into the Lab: The Evolving Business & Medical Landscape of Marijuana in North and South America (Business Law)

Individual states in the U.S. have been legalizing marijuana, whilst at the federal level, efforts have been thwarted. However, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Jamaica, Mexico and Canada have all moved to legalize MMJ, creating a ‘budding’ industry. Canada has the largest MMJ professional grower in its borders; Jamaica has created a licensing authority to regulate cultivation and distribution of cannabis for medical and scientific use. Use of Cannabinoids in medicine appears to be offering new breakthroughs in a number of treatment areas. Yet the U.S. federal disconnect creates challenges for research institutes, life science, bio-tech companies, and other related industries seeking to expand their own efforts and in cross-border transactions in this growing field of medicine. Join us as experts from Latin America and the North discuss what counsel needs to know about the MMJ industry North to South, and navigating the cannabis new world.

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International Life Sciences and Health Law

Panel Chair & Moderator:
Mikhail Reider-Gordon, Navigant, Los Angeles, CA

Speakers:
Jean Jacques Bragard, Bragard & Duran, Montevideo, Uruguay
Hon. Mark J. Golding, Former Minister of Justice (2012-2016), Kingston, Jamaica
Tatiana Kuhn, HempMeds Brasil, Inc., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Policy Officer, Instituto de Salud Publica de Chile (Chilean Institute of Public Health), Santiago, Chile
Mark Zekulin, Canopy Growth Corp, Ontario, Canada

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Latin America with Trump, Temer, Macri, Maduro and a “New Cuba” (Business Law)

2017 started in a whole new reality, with new political and economic challenges and realities. There is the United States with Trump, Brazil with Temer, Argentina with Macri, Venezuela (still) with Maduro, and Cuba after Fidel and with a new relationship with the United States creating an environment of opportunities for investments, but requiring careful actions. A panel with experts of the primarily affected countries shall bring to the audience a timely discussion of the “new” Latin America, highly dependent on how Trump, Temer and Macri will govern their countries and involve the continent.

Committee Sponsor:
Latin America & Caribbean

Panel Chair and Moderator:
Leonardo Barem Leite, Almeida Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil

Speakers:
Alix Apollon, UPS, Miami, FL
Alejandro Ciero, Tanoira Cassagne, Buenos Aires, Argentina
André de Almeida, Almeida Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil
Carlos Dominguez, Hoet Pelayo Castillo & Duque, Caracas, Venezuela
Pedro Freyre, Akerman, Miami, FL
Andres Rivero, Rivero Mestre, Miami, FL

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Arbitrator and Mediator in the Same Arbitration: A Devilish or Smart Combination? (Disputes)

From the East to the West and the North to the South there is a fierce debate on the acceptability of an arbitrator also performing true mediation services in the same arbitration; with jurisdictions in Asia, at the one end, being broad minded about this and the U.S., at the other end, finding the idea unacceptable. In-between, we have Latin America and Europe, with their growing support of mediation alternatives and longstanding tradition of facilitation of settlements in civil court proceedings. Proponents refer to efficiency of the dispute settlement process while opponents emphasize due process and arbitrator bias. The panel will provide a forum to discuss this clash of cultures, related ethical questions, and whether “Med-Arb” could be a solution that helps satisfy the demands of businesses for a less costly and less time consuming arbitration processes.
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and bolster trade and commercial opportunities. But as a former satellite of the former Soviet Union, Cuba still has a Marxist-Socialist economic and legal model, a two-tiered currency system that favors locals, and no stock market. Its infrastructure—roads, energy grid, and digital network—lags behind neighboring countries. Foreign companies must still hire labor through the state’s hiring agency. Cuba’s bureaucracy is notoriously slow to make decisions and opaque, making dispute resolution problematic. This panel will discuss the opportunities in Cuba from the perspective of experienced players in the post-Soviet bloc. They will apply their experiences to Cuba to help those going to Cuba to understand the nuances of doing business within a Soviet-influenced economy.

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PANEL CHAIR: 
Pamela Egan, Rimon PC, San Francisco, CA

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
GLOBAL TRENDS IN REGULATION OF INSIDER TRADING AND MARKET ABUSE (FINANCE)
The regulation of insider trading and market abuse is in flux. In the EU the Market Abuse Regulation went into force on July 3, 2015. In the U.S., the recent Salman Supreme Court case has changed the approach to insider trading. Using a series of hypotheticals, the panel will compare the new and varied approaches to insider trading worldwide.

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PANEL CHAIR AND MODERATOR: 
Marie Elena Angulo, Jones Day, Miami, FL

MODERATOR: 
Manfred Ketzer, Hausmaninger Kletter, Vienna, Austria

SPEAKERS: 
Matthew Cole, A&L Goodbody, Dublin, Ireland 
Ed Greene, Cleary Gottlieb, New York, NY 
Rob Lando, Osler, New York, NY 
Jose Miguel Carvajal, Morales & Besa, Santiago, Chile

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
MERGER, BEST FRIENDS, OR SOMETHING IN-BETWEEN? (LEGAL PRACTICE)

Law firms have responded to the maturation of the international legal market through a variety of mechanisms—firm mergers, global networks, strategic alliances, and “best friends” relationships—as ways to serve their clients better, increase business, and maintain competitiveness in a tightening legal market.

Our session will examine the structural advantages and disadvantages of these mechanisms, with particular focus on mergers and international legal networks. The panelists will explore the extent to which these mechanisms enable firms to respond to the competitive changes now emerging in the global legal market. Our panel will also consider the extent to which firm-specific, market-specific, and even client-specific factors can drive these strategic decisions, and what the firm can do to make its chosen mechanism successful. We will also look at the characteristics of successful cross-border combinations of law firms in the Americas, as well as potential warning signs of relationships that are doomed to produce disappointing results. Audience participation will be encouraged through the discussion of a case study created especially for this program.

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PANEL CHAIR & MODERATOR:
Norman K. Clark, Walker Clark LLC, Fort Myers, FL

SPEAKERS:
Daniel S. Acevedo, Gómez-Pinzón Zuleta, Bogotá, Colombia 
Jorge Aiers, Dentons, Washington, DC 
Guillermo Ferrero, Philippi Prieto Carrizafo Ferrero DU & Uria, Lima, Peru 
Elizabeth Heuermetate, LOVLL, Panama City, Panama 
Hermann Knott, Andersen Tax & Legal, Cologne, Germany 
Juan Mijares, Affinitas, Mexico City, Mexico

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
LATIN AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP IN GENDER DIVERSITY: DESTROYING THE MYTH OF “MACHISMO” (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW)
Pervasive cultural stereotypes paint Latin American society as patriarchal, misogynistic, and “machismo”-driven. But, in fact, the rest of the world should take a page from the Latin American playbook. A 2016 study of 583 companies in 42 countries worldwide documents that, while global corporate gender diversity will generally stagnate for the next decade, the women of Latin America alone will achieve significant progress, holding 45-50% of all professional, managerial, and executive positions in corporations by 2025. By contrast, the statistics for women in Europe, the U.S., and Canada are expected to remain unchanged. The public sector story is little different. In both the lower and upper houses combined, women around the world account for approximately 22% of seats held in parliament. The U.S. lags behind the global average, ranking below 95 countries, including low- and middle-income countries such as Ethiopia, El Salvador, and Suriname, as well as Iraq, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. Worldwide, Rwanda has the highest percentage of women in parliament, at 64% – followed by Bolivia at 53% and Cuba at 49%. Similarly, although the U.S. still has never had a woman President, women have led Latin American and Caribbean nations, including Brazil, Panama, Chile, Costa Rica, and Argentina. Research establishes that having women in top leadership posts – in the private sector, and in the public sector – is good for business and good for society. Why and how is Latin America succeeding where the U.S. (and much of the rest of the world) is failing? What laws and policies are most effective in promoting gender diversity in the uppermost echelons of a company . . . or a country? And what are the overarching implications of the current trends for global peace, justice, the rule of law, and economic development? Join us for an engaging, dynamic, and provocative dialogue, and use audience polling technology (handheld “keypads”) to express your personal views and to contribute (anonymously) to the conversation!

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PANEL CHAIR: 
Honorable Delissa Ridgway, Judge, US Court of International Trade, New York, NY
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Climate Change and Sustainability Financial Reporting: How Recent Legal and Regulatory Developments Are Impacting Latin American Issuers, Investors, and Capital Markets (Regulatory)

Escalating climate change and an increasingly resource-constrained world are already financially impacting corporate business models and supply chains, making Climate Change and Sustainability Financial Reporting (CCSFR) critical to investment and lending decisions and an essential financial reporting area for issuers and capital providers globally. The powerful entry of new global financial macroprudential oversight by G20 Finance Ministers and the Financial Stability Board, acknowledging that climate-related financial impacts are ‘material’ and creating a global financial system systemic risk, has propelled CCSFR front and center in global capital markets. These pivotal developments are fundamentally changing the way companies and industries conduct their businesses, and are directly impacting capital flows, institutional investment, and a broad range of corporate and finance transactions.

CCSFR is particularly important for Latin American issuers, investors, and financial markets, where there is a preponderance of natural resource-driven economies and where certain securities regimes are just beginning to incorporate the data and process quality, rigor, and safeguards found in the SEC and other OECD securities regimes. As well, CCSFR is being used by some emerging markets to attract foreign direct investment and stock exchange listings.

The current CCSFR environment is complex, swiftly evolving, and problematic in implementation. Issuers are facing regulatory compliance challenges and heightened regulatory enforcement and shareholder litigation risks. A broad range of legal practice areas are impacted, including: corporate and securities law, corporate governance, environmental disclosure, finance transactions, commercial transactions and litigation, and white collar crime.

This Panel will (i) discuss the current state of CCSFR and future directions; and (ii) highlight specific Latin American legal and regulatory developments and trends, and the impacts of these developments upon issuers, investors, and capital markets.

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Panel Chair, Moderator and Speaker:
Linda M. Lowson, Global ESG Regulatory Academy, New York, NY

Speakers:
Sonja Aparecida Consilgio Favaretto, Sustainability Managing Director, BM&F BOVESPA, São Paul, Brazil (Invited)
Anne Simpson, CalPERS, Sacramento, CA (invited)
Kara Stein, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Washington, DC (Invited)

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM
Luncheon — President Julio Frenk, University of Miami

Dr. Julio Frenk became the sixth president of the University of Miami in August of 2015. He also holds academic appointments as Professor of Public Health Sciences at the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine and as Professor of Health Sector Management and Policy at the School of Business Administration. Prior to joining the University of Miami, he was the dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development, a joint appointment with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Frenk served as the Minister of Health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006. There he pursued an ambitious agenda to reform the nation’s health system and introduced a program of comprehensive universal coverage, known as Seguro Popular, which expanded access to health care for more than 55 million previously uninsured Mexicans. He was the founding director-general of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, one of the leading institutions of its kind in the developing world. He also served as executive director in charge of Evidence and Information for Policy at the World Health Organization and as senior fellow in the global health program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among other leadership positions. Dr. Frenk has received numerous recognitions, including the Clinton Global Citizen Award for changing the way practitioners and policy makers across the world think about health, the Bouchet Medal for Outstanding Leadership presented by Yale University for promoting diversity in graduate education, and the Welch-Rose Award for Distinguished Service from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
**MERGER CONTROL IN LATIN AMERICA: WHERE ARE WE RIGHT NOW? (BUSINESS LAW)**

As M&A activity increases throughout Latin America, merger control has become a priority for enforcers. The current leader for antitrust in the region, Brazil, continues to develop its merger review procedures, having switched from a voluntary to a mandatory filing system, and is issuing guidelines and setting the stage for a more cutting-edge analysis. Argentina, once the regional forerunner, is trying to revert to its previous status with a new, more efficient proposed Antitrust Law. Chile is moving towards a pre-closing system. Colombia and Mexico continue to develop their pre-closing merger control systems. This program will focus on antitrust merger control in these countries, with insight from experienced counsel providing a roadmap for what is to be expected for enforcement in the region. The program will focus on: Review of priorities and analysis of recent track records; Analysis of filing requirements and triggering events; Type of review conducted by the regulators, with a special focus on clearance timelines; The role of remedies in the clearance of transactions and negotiations with regulators; Key criteria that should be taken into account when carrying out a notification; and The role of social considerations, nationality and other non-competition related matters in the analysis.

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Michael H. Byowitz, Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York, NY

PROGRAM CHAIR & SPEAKER:  
Alfredo O’Farrell, Marval O’Farrell & Mairal, Buenos Aires, Argentina

SPEAKERS:  
Jorge de los Rios, Unilever (General Counsel Competition), Bogotá, Colombia  
Maria Eugenia Novis, Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Lucia Ojeda, SA Consultores, Mexico City, Mexico  
Lorena Pavic, Carey Abogados, Santiago de Chile, Chile

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
**THE LEGACY OF THE ARGENTINE GAS SECTOR CASES IN INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION (DISPUTES)**

In response to an economic and political crisis at the turn of the century, the Argentine government took a series of emergency actions to stabilize its economy and restore public order. Investors subsequently brought over forty separate investor-State arbitrations against Argentina. Four of those cases brought by investors in Argentina’s gas transportation and distribution industry, i.e., CMS, Enron, Sempra, and LG&E, have attracted the attention of commentators and practitioners, as the arbitral awards and decisions of the ICSID annulment committees have potential long-term ramifications for international law, ICSID annulments, and investor-State arbitration in general. The panel will consider the legacy of those cases and what they portend for the future of both investor-State arbitration and foreign investment in Latin America.

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2:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
**MAKE WHOLE PROVISION: A RATIONAL HEDGE AGAINST FALLING RATES OR A SHINING EXAMPLE OF CORPORATE GREED? (FINANCE)**

Make whole provisions in loan agreements protect lenders from early payoff in times of declining rates, but are viewed by other constituencies as unfair when other creditors remain unpaid. Are the claims resulting from these provisions damages for prepayment or un-matured interest? Rational and irrational minds disagree. Are these provisions recognized by courts in Latin America and elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere? A panel of greedy lenders, outraged unsecured creditors and all wise judges and regulators from various countries will plead their cases and discuss the micro and macro-economic ramifications and recognition of these provisions in insolvencies throughout the Western Hemisphere.

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Mel Schwing, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Melbourne, Australia

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
**ETHICS OF CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH NEW MEDIA IN A GLOBAL PRACTICE (LEGAL PRACTICE)**

What does “OK” mean after long chains of emails on detailed deals? What is the lawyer’s responsibility re: the security of PDF/JPEG/TIF attachments when they contain proprietary information? What happens when attorney seeks offshore discussion for reasons of confidentiality but the client does not understand? How to educate the clients to stop “copying” multiple persons and entities poking holes in confidentiality? What about when foreign lawyer is working with ratcheted levels of privacy in California? Is the Cloud really a safe depository in lieu of paper? What is a law firm’s responsibility to remove data from digital media and convert it from zip files and codes into readable data-who pays?

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PROGRAM CHAIR AND MODERATOR:  
Alexandra Darraby, The Art Law Firm, Los Angeles, CA
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
COMBATING KLEPTOCRACY AND CORRUPTION IN THE AMERICAS, THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF REGIME CHANGE, AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL ASSET RECOVERY (PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW)

For years, many countries in the Americas have been plagued by kleptocracy and corruption. The costs to the citizenry are staggering and oftentimes tragic. Several countries have instituted initiatives to fight these economic depredations, with different levels of success. In Guatemala, for example, the attorney general was able to fight corruption at the highest levels of government from within with significant success. In other countries, fear, widespread inertia, the absence of legislation or of an independent judiciary have made the fight very difficult, if not impossible. Regime change presents both challenges and opportunities both for those countries and for those that practice in the areas of anti-corruption/anti-kleptocracy, fraud, and asset recovery.

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SPEAKERS: Yoshi Takatori, Orrick, Tokyo, Japan (invited)
Fang He, King & Spalding, New York, NY
Harry Burnett, Francisco Aninat

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
ASIAN INVESTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA: COMMON GOALS AND CONTRASTING CULTURES (REGULATORY)

Recent years have seen increased levels of Asian investment in Latin America, including significant amounts of investment from Chinese state-owned enterprises, and significant disputes have begun to develop. How will the legal framework in Latin America affect Asian companies’ willingness to invest? How will differences in language, business culture, and governing style impact the success of these investments? How will disputes be resolved? Our panel of experts from both regions will explore these topics, and provide their insights on how counsel can work effectively with Asian investors seeking opportunities in Latin America.

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PANEL CHAIR AND MODERATOR: James E. Berger, King & Spalding, New York, NY
SPEAKERS: Francisco Aninat, Bofill Escobar Abogados, Santiago, Chile
Harry Burnett, King & Spalding, New York, NY
Fang He, JunHe LLP, Beijing, China
Yoshi Takatori, Orrick, Tokyo, Japan (invited)

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM
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4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
CORPORATE STRUCTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN TODAY’S GLOBAL ORDER: TRANSCENDING POLITICS WITH BEST PRACTICES (BUSINESS LAW)

The impact of changes in governments across the globe will have substantial consequences for the operation of multinational businesses and their workforces. What should multinational companies do to adapt their practices to anticipated changes, some known and many as yet unknown? Focusing in particular on the interaction between North America, Latin America, and Asia, this panel will examine the effect of the ongoing political changes upon international business and address the advice to be provided to clients by legal practitioners in the new global order. International businesses manage to thrive in the context of conflicts between the countries in which they operate. What works? What are the lessons learned for what does not work? The panel will address the continuum of business activities from set up through ongoing operations and dispute resolution, using the United States, Latin America, and Asia as examples of successful business partnerships which transcend political tensions.

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SPEAKERS: David M. Levine, Carey Rodriguez, Miami, FL
Ekaterina Schoenfeld, Schoenfeld Law Firm LLC, Princeton, NJ
Viren Mascarenhas, Foley Hoag LLP, Boston, MA
Andrew Loewenstein
Paula Henin, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, NY
Noiana Marigo, Freshfields, Bruckhaus, Deringer LLP, São Paulo and New York
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4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
U.S. FinTech Companies Doing Business in the Americas (Finance)
Subtitle: how U.S. FinTech companies could expand in the Americas, how financial institutions and mobile financial services are regulated in different jurisdictions within the Americas, benefits and risks.

A brief description:
- What are the benefits and market potential for U.S. FinTech companies entering the countries within the Americas?
- Whether unsecured lending and mobile financial services are regulated in different jurisdictions within the Americas? Whether a lending license is required for lending?
- What type of legal entity to choose? Whether there is a required paid-up capital?
- Whether there are local ownership and local director requirements?
- What are specific legal requirements to operate a financial institution? For example, labor law, KYC/AML/OFAC/CTF, data privacy, consumer protection law, etc.
- What are possible risks, for example, currency devaluation and capital control issues?

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PANEL CHAIR: Hernan Camarero, RCTZZ Abogados, Buenos Aires, Argentina
PANEL CHAIR AND MODERATOR: Kristina Subbotina, Tala, Santa Monica, CA
SPEAKERS:
Deon Woods Bell, Office of International Affairs of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC
Renato Martinez, EC Legal, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico
Alejandro Staines A., Calderon & De LA Sierra, Mexico City, Mexico
Carlos Zamarrón, Creel Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Giving Across Borders: The Law and Practice of International Philanthropy in the 21st Century (Legal Practice)

Every year, billions of dollars of charitable gifts and grants pass from U.S. donors, private foundations, and charitable funds to organizations and efforts abroad. Recent and continuing global crises and challenges – humanitarian, environmental and cultural – in the Americas and other regions have elevated interest in cross-border giving. This panel will cover topics essential to the attorney practicing in this area, including the tax rules applicable to domestic and international giving, anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing rules, innovative ideas and best practices for international philanthropy, and hot topics regarding U.S. philanthropy in the Americas.

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SPEAKERS:
Robert J. Desiderio, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM
Michele A. W. McKinnon, McGuireWoods LLP, Richmond, VA
Judith Reyes, The Rockefeller Foundation, New York, NY
Bruce Zagaris, Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP, Washington, DC

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Effective Strategies to Prevent Forced Labor in Supply Chains (Public International Law)

Recent years have seen governments, civil society organizations, companies, and their lawyers increasingly recognize forced labor as a serious concern in international business. In this context, leading companies in the Americas have begun to develop sophisticated, practical strategies to prevent forced labor in their supply chains. Our proposed panel will bring together thought leaders from industries based and operating in the Americas, U.S. enforcement agencies, and outside counsel advising companies on human rights issues, to offer diverse perspectives on how companies can address the risks in this area and comply with rapidly evolving legal requirements. In particular, this panel will cover:
- An introduction to the concept of forced labor, its prevalence, and its common forms
- The respective roles of key enforcement agencies in the United States
- Risk assessment strategies – to effectively allocate resources to high-risk operations and suppliers
- Due diligence and monitoring strategies – to effectively review supplier relationships
- Remediation strategies – to effectively respond to forced labor issues

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**SPEAKERS:**
- **Carlos Busquets**, Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC), Washington, DC (invited)
- **Courtney Walsh**, Manager of Corporate and Strategic Partnerships at Polaris, Washington, DC

**4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**
**REARRANGING THE CHINA DECK WITH THE TRUMP CARD (REGULATORY)**

It is fairly clear that President Trump intends to reexamine the existing relationship with China, particularly in the areas of international trade and foreign direct investment. One can expect the Trump Administration to consider imposing new tariffs, to put pressure on the Chinese currency and to discourage the movement or relocation of U.S. companies to China. There is the possibility of his Administration’s reassessment and strengthening of the current national security review process by CFUS, resistance to China’s request to be treated as a market economy and reassessment of the U.S. relationships with geographical territories claimed by China. These initiatives will involve the amendment or scrapping of existing laws and treaties with China and may run counter to certain WTO requirements. These measures in many instances will also be imposed on other countries and will have global implications, such as the resetting of NAFTA. A panel of experienced practitioners will examine the legal changes resulting from these developments and will discuss how to operate going forward within this new international order.

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Paul Edelberg, Fox Rothschild LLP, Stamford, CT

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Important Dates

September 8, 2017
Early Bird Deadline
Rates increase at Midnight Central online
Forms must be post marked before this date

September 29, 2017
Hotel Reservation Deadline

October 6, 2017
Standard Registration deadline
Online Registration closes at Midnight Central online
Mailed forms should be received by this date

Hotel Information
The Section has reserve a block of rooms at the JW Marriott Marquis Miami for the reduced rate of $259 per night and the Hotel Beaux Arts for the reduced rate of $279 per night. Reservations can be made online until September 29, 2017. The hotel booking link is available on our conference website Ambar.org/ILFall2017.
**Registration Types**

To determine which rate you should register at, please first select your category either Section Member (members of cooperating entities as listed in the brochure and on the conference website may also register at the Section member rate), ABA Member but not Section Member, or Non-Member. Then select the rate listed under that category that best describes your practice setting. For further clarification on rate types, please review the descriptions following this table.

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- **Small Practice** are firms with less than 15 full time attorneys; attorneys from firms with less than 10 full time staff members qualify for these rates.
- **Corporate Counsels** are often referred to as in-house counsel. Attorneys whose primary practice setting is working within a corporate setting and not a law firm qualify for this rate.
- **Law Student Rates & 1-Day Rate**: these rates will be do not include any ticketed events; these rates include only the networking breakfast, breaks and CLE programming.
Event Tickets

- **All week long rates for the 2017 Fall Conference include the following:** Wednesday Reception at the Perez Art Museum, Friday Reception at Jungle Island, all networking breakfasts/breaks, and all CLE sessions.

  — Additional tickets for the Wednesday and Friday Receptions event will be available if you would like to bring a guest to these events.

- **The following events are ticketed separately for all participants:** Law firm open houses, women’s networking reception, tour of the port of Miami, luncheons, Wednesday committee dinners, and Saturday Key West Excursion.

  — You will be able to bring guests to these events but will need to purchase two tickets for the event if you would like to do so.

Please view the online registration forms for detailed information on pricing for each event ticket.

Group Discount

Group discounts are available for multiple registrations from law firms and corporate legal departments submitted prior to **September 8, 2017**. You will receive 50% off the highest registration fee for each additional registrant after the fourth full paying registrant. To receive the group discount, one order form for each attendee from a firm should be submitted via email to intlawmeetings@americanbar.org. The **group discount is not available through online ordering and can only be claimed using the registration form**. Please contact Thomas Happell at Thomas.Happell@americanbar.org or 202.662.1671 for additional information and instructions about completing this process.

Refund Policy

- Cancellations must be made in writing and received by the Section office by **October 10, 2017** for a full refund of fees, less a $100.00 administrative fee. All cancellation requests should be sent to Thomas.Happell@americanbar.org.

- Cancellations must be made in writing and received by the Section office by **October 17, 2017** a full refund of fees, less a $250.00 administrative fee. No refund of registration or fee for a ticketed event will be granted after that date except in the case of medical emergency or similarly extenuating circumstances approved by the Section in its sole discretion. At this point the Section has had to guarantee guest number and total fee to the caterer/event venue. Individuals are, however, afforded the opportunity to re-sell their purchased tickets/registration to other meeting attendees.

- When a completed registration form and payment have been submitted to the Section office either by mail, fax, email or through our online registration system, the registration is considered to be a firm commitment and you will be expected to pay the registration and any ticketed event fees, unless a written cancellation is received as set forth above.

- Individuals may re-sell their purchased lunch & guest tickets to other meeting attendees unless the ticket is indicated to be “non-transferable”.

- Any refunds issued will be processed to the credit card on file for individuals who made the payment via credit card.
Program by Tracks

In addition to a Opening Plenary Session on Women Entrepreneurs in the International Arena, the 2017 Fall Conference will offer attendees **60+ CLE PROGRAMS in 6 different tracks:**

**Business Law**
- The Impact of New Trade Policies on M&A Transactions
- Due Diligence in International M&A Transactions in the Protectionist Era
- Accessing the Americas: Contracts of Distributorship in the Global Economy of the American Hemisphere
- Public Procurement in Brazil and the US: The Effective Use of Leniency and Deferred Prosecution Agreements
- Opportunities and Challenges of Doing Business in and with the New Cuba
- How Smart is Your Smart Phone Really? Managing Digital Payment Risk on Mobile Devices
- Use of the US bankruptcy Code to Support Investigations of Corporate
- Mary Jane Goes Into the Lab: The Evolving Business & Medical Landscape of Marijuana in the North and South America
- Latin America with Trump, Temer, Macri, Maduro and a “New Cuba”
- From Russia and with the Scars (and Profits) to Prove It: How Experience in Countries of the Former Soviet Union Can Apply to Cuba
- Merger Control in Latin America: Where Are We Right Now?
- Corporate Structure, Employment, and Dispute Resolution in Today’s Global Order: Transcending Politics with Best Practices

**Disputes**
- So You Got Off the Plane and You Thought You Were Ethical: Comparative Legal Ethics Focusing on Latin American Jurisdictions
- Dancing with Cubans: Dispute Resolution in International Sales Between Cuba and CISG Convention Countries
- International Arbitration and Litigation as Mechanisms for Protection of Investments in Latin America
- One Cuba Libre, Please: Havana Club, Bacardi and the Cuban IP Conundrum
- International Arbitration in Cuba
- As a Moth is Drawn to the Light, So is a Litigant Drawn to the United States
- View From the Bench: The State of International Law
- Double Trouble? Dealing Effectively with Parallel Court and Arbitration Proceedings in the Americas and Europe
- Arbitrator and Mediator in the Same Arbitration: A Devilish or Smart Combination?
- The World’s Policeman? Developments in the Global Reach of US Criminal Law
- The Legacy of the Argentine Gas Sector Cases in Investor-State Arbitration
- Investment Dispute Settlement in the Americas – Hot Topics and Recent Developments
- Public-Private-Partnerships a Model for Project Financing Infrastructure Projects in the Region

**Finance**
- Blacklisting Offshore Jurisdictions: Elimination of Legitimate Tools of Privacy & Corporate Finance or Important Transparency Effort?
- CISG International Sales Convention: Veterans, Newcomers, Cuba, Brazil and CISG Latin American Countries
- Caribbean Offshore Jurisdictions as Stepping Stones for Cross-Border Investments in the Americas
- The OECD’s Base Erosion and Profit Sharing (BEPS) Project: Impact on Multinationals Doing Business in the Americas (Customs and Tax)
- Applying for a Loan?: Due Diligence Documents, Requirements and Guaranties
- Caribbean Offshore Jurisdictions as Stepping Stones for Cross-Border Investments in the Americas
- Building Glass Houses in the Americas: New Policies and Standards to Fight Corruption and Strengthen Confidence for Foreign Investors
- Latin America: A New Dawn for Investors? What is done to attract foreign investments?
- Global Trends in Regulation of Insider Trading and Market Abuse
- Make Whole Provision: A Rational Hedge Against Falling Rates or a Shining Example of Corporate Creed?
- US Financial Technology (“FinTech”) Companies Doing Business in the Americas
- Mexico FDI Outlook in the Wake of Trump: Is tourism and real estate the last hope after trade deals and energy investment falter?
Legal Practice

- Ethics of Client Communications with New Media in a Global Practice
- Tax Reforms with the New Administration: What Corporate Counsel Need to Know
- Be Change-Makers for Yourself and the Legal Profession
- Securing Real Property Rights for Projects in Latin America
- The Challenges of Big Data for In-House Counsel
- Race Relations and “Implicit Bias” – A Critical Compliance Issue for International Legal Professionals and Legal Educators
- Legal Ethics as Shown on Movies and Television Shows, The Sequel
- Merger, Best Friends, or Something In-Between?
- I, Robot – The Increasing Use and Misuse of Technology by In-House Legal Departments
- So You Got Off the Plane and You Thought You Were Ethical: Comparative Legal Ethics Focusing on Latin American Jurisdictions

Public International

- What Is Being Done To Combat Illega Animal Trafficking In The Americas?
- Fine Art as an Asset Class: Transactional Concerns for Investors, Lenders, Funds, and Fiduciaries
- When the Bribe Isn’t Money: Gender, Sextortion, and How to Fight Back
- Progress Towards an International Convention to Strengthen the Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons
- International Policy, Politics and the Future of Corporate Social Responsibility: The Impacts of Territorialism on the Continued Evolution of Corporate Sustainability and Accountability
- Beyond Rhetoric: The Rule & Rights of Refugees in an Innovated Global Economy
- Fleeing for Safety and Finding Yourself Charged with International Child Abduction
- Beyond the Wall: The New Administration’s Impact on Global Immigration
- Latin America’s Leadership in Gender Diversity: Destroying the Myth of “Machismo”
- Combating Kleptocracy and Corruption in the Americas, the Challenges and Opportunities of Regime Change, and the Role of Civil Asset Recovery
- Effective Strategies to Prevent Forced Labor in Supply Chains

Regulatory

- Watch Out! Whistleblowers are Everywhere
- Populism, Protectionism, Nationalism and other “Isms:” Is This the End of Free Trade?
- Car Wash Operation and the Widespread of Legal Actions Throughout the Americas
- The New Age of Energy in the Americas: Renewables Developments, Deals and Disputes
- New Trends in Trade & Investment in Latin America: A Response to U.S. Protectionism
- Changes in Leadership in Argentina, Brazil and the United States: How Will This Affect Future Trade Relations
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- Climate Change and Sustainability Financial Reporting: How Recent Legal and Regulatory Developments Are Impacting Latin America Issuers, Investors, and Capital Markets
- Asian Investment in Latin America: Common Goals and Contrasting Cultures
- Rearranging the China Deck with the Trump Card

Special Programs and Events

- Tour of the Port of Miami
- Pathways to Employment in International Law
- Law Firm Open Houses
- First Time Attendee Reception
- Welcome Reception at the Perez Museum
- Committee Dinners
- Women’s Business Law Network Reception
- Closing Reception at Jungle Island
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