

American University Washington College of Law
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Presents

Practicing Law in an Interconnected World: Exploring Trends and Opening Dialogue

April 8 – 10, 2010
Intercontinental Hotel
Miami, Florida

This conference will provide an opportunity for leaders in the legal profession to engage in enriching dialogue and build an international network. To maximize participation and allow for stimulating conversations about the latest developments in the practice of law, topics will be addressed in discussion groups. In addition, there will be presentations by distinguished speakers, including welcoming remarks by the Honorable Tomas Regalado, Mayor of Miami; Ricardo Ramirez, Member of the WTO Appellate Body; Welber Barral, Secretary of Foreign Trade of Brazil; Richard Lydecker, Founding Partner of Lydecker Diaz; among others.

Benefits of Attending:

- ✓ Networking with legal practitioners from the US and around the world
 - ✓ Opportunity to showcase your practice
 - ✓ Professional Development and CLE credits
 - ✓ Meeting WCL Professors and colleagues
 - ✓ Sunny Miami in April!

Thursday, April 8, 2010	
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Registration
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception
8:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Alumni Dinner
Friday, April 9, 2010	
8:00 am to 6:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast

8:45 am to 9:45 am	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Claudio Grossman American University Washington College of Law • Dean Richard Durand American University Kogod School of Business • Mayor Tomas Regalado Mayor of Miami • Professor David Hunter Director, International Legal Studies Program, American University Washington College of Law
9:45 am to 11:00 am	<p>Attend one of the following discussion groups:</p> <p><u>Current Developments in International Commercial Arbitration and Bilateral Investment Protection Treaty (BIT) Arbitrations</u></p> <p>Interactive exchange between participants to discuss current issues and challenges in international arbitration including efforts by international arbitral tribunals to reduce time and costs, procedural issues, and the enforceability of arbitral awards.</p> <p>Facilitator: Horacio Grigera Naón Distinguished Practitioner in Residence Director of the Center on International Commercial Arbitration , American University Washington College of Law</p> <p>Discussant: Manuel Garcia (WCL '00) Associate, Arnold & Porter, Washington, DC</p> <p><u>Trends in Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law</u></p> <p>Exploration of the latest trends in Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law, particularly how they are changing to address the threat of climate change both internationally and domestically, under a comparative lens.</p> <p>Facilitator: Professor David Hunter Professor of Law and Director, International Legal Studies Program, American University Washington College of Law</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Paul Hagen (WCL '90) Beveridge & Diamond, PC, Washington, DC</p> <p><u>Law Teaching in the 21st Century</u></p> <p>Discussion of the resources available to, and challenges faced by, legal educators in an interconnected world and developing ways to take advantage of the adoption of an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law.</p> <p>Facilitator: Professor Anthony E. Varona Professor of Law and Director of S.J.D. Program, American University Washington College of Law</p> <p>Discussant: Douglas Alvarado (WCL LLM ' 95) San Jose, Costa Rica</p>

<p>11:15 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Attend one of the following discussion groups:</p> <p><u>Bad Faith Claims</u> Facilitator: Richard Lydecker Founding Partner, Lydecker Diaz, Miami, Florida Discussant: TBD</p> <p><u>Human Rights</u> Discussion of the future of the Inter-American human rights system, recent developments in international human rights law, and the role of the regional human rights systems in addressing global changes. Facilitator: Dean Claudio Grossman American University Washington College of Law</p> <p><u>Intellectual Property</u> This session will highlight some of the latest issues in intellectual property law and will discuss how international developments impact domestic practices. Facilitator: Professor Christine Farley Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs, American University Washington College of Law Discussants: Karen B. Leetzow (WCL '91) Deputy General Counsel and Vice President, NASCAR Gabriel Groisman (WCL '06) Coffey Burlington, Miami, Florida Olivia T. Luk (WCL '05) Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, IL</p>
<p>12:30 pm – 1:45 pm</p>	<p><u>Luncheon Discussion: The Future of International Economic Law</u></p> <p>Moderator: Professor Padideh Ala'i American University Washington College of Law</p> <p>Panelists: Ricardo Ramirez (WCL'95) Member, WTO Appellate Body Welber Barral Secretary of Foreign Trade of Brazil</p>
<p>1:45 pm – 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>2:00 pm – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Attend one of the following discussion groups:</p> <p><u>Regional and Multilateral Trading Rules</u> After the Doha Round stalemate, are regional agreements the answer to move us forward? This session will explore the prospects of multilateral trade negotiations in face of regional challenges. Facilitator: Professor Padideh Ala'i American University Washington College of Law Discussants: Ricardo Ramirez (WCL LLM '95)</p>

	<p>Member, WTO Appellate Body Welber Barral Secretary of Foreign Trade of Brazil Esteban Elías (WCL LLM '99) Elías Napadensky & Cía, Santiago, Chile Douglas Alvarado (WCL LLM '95) San Jose, Costa Rica</p> <p><u>Corporate Responsibility and Governance</u> Discussion of corporate responsibility and governance issues in the wake of the international economic crisis in the financial sector, public, and private companies. Facilitator: Paul Allaer (WCL LLM '84) Partner, Thompson Hine LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio Discussants: Francisco Velázquez-Osuna, (WCL LLM '83) GRA Goodrich, Riquelme y Asociados, Mexico City Michel Vermaerke (WCL LLM '85) Chief Executive Officer, Febelfin, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p><u>Health</u> Discussion of health care reform and its impact in the health care delivery system organization and the health care insurance industry. Facilitator: Joel Michaels (WCL '75) Partner, McDermott Will & Emery, Washington, DC Discussant: Paul Radensky, M.D. Partner, McDermott Will & Emery, Washington, D.C. and Miami, Florida</p>
3:15 pm – 3:25 pm	Break
3:25 pm – 4:40 pm	<p><u>Panel discussion – Crisis Management and Media</u> Practical advice for lawyers and practitioners in dealing with crisis communication Moderator: Professor Anthony E. Varona Director of S.J.D. Program, American University Washington College of Law Panelists: Midwin Charles (WCL '99) Midwin Charles & Associates LLC, New York, NY Kevin Corke Main Anchor/Reporter NBC 6/WTVJ Mary E. Kennard Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, American University</p>
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	<p>Attend one of the following discussion groups:</p> <p><u>Lawyers and Law Firms Working in Partnership across Borders</u> Discussion of the challenges and approaches to working on international cases that require collaboration between law practices across borders. Facilitator: Paul Allaer (WCL LLM '84) Partner, Thompson Hine LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio</p>

	<p>Discussants: Manuel Garcia (WCL '00) Associate, Arnold & Porter, Washington, DC Thomas Morante (WCL '77) Partner, Holland & Knight, Miami, Florida</p> <p><u>Ethics</u> Facilitator:</p>
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<p>Reception Miami Chophouse 300 S. Biscayne Blvd Miami, FL 33131 www.chophousemiami.com</p>
Saturday, April 10, 2010	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>Attend one of the following discussion groups:</p> <p><u>Real Estate</u> Examination of recent trends in real estate law. Facilitator: Kevin Blauch (WCL '83) Partner, Latham & Watkins, New York, NY Discussant:</p> <p><u>Immigration</u> Exploring the rights of non-citizens in the United States in civil, administrative, and criminal proceedings, discussions of ideas on how to regain momentum for immigration reform in the U.S., and a comparative discussion of immigration policy around the world. Facilitator: Ronald A. Karp (WCL '71) Managing Partner, Karp, Frosh, Lapidus Wigodsky & Norwind, P.A., Washington, DC Discussants: Julie C. Ferguson (WCL '92) Founding Partner, Julie C. Ferguson PA, Miami, Florida Carlos A. Calderin (WCL '00) Founding Partner, Calderin & Oliva PA, Coral Gables, Florida</p> <p><u>Finance and Banking</u> Discussion of current legal, regulatory, and policy issues in the international financial crisis. Topics for discussion may include the prospect for financial regulation, the effect of the debt crisis in Latin America and Europe, the impact of the financial environment on law practice, and the potential for international regulatory arbitrage and a competition for business. Facilitator: Professor David Snyder Director, Business Law Program, American University Washington College of Law Discussants: Michel Vermaerke (WCL LLM '85) Chief Executive Officer, Febelfin, Brussels, Belgium Howard Lee (WCL '73)</p>

	<p>Managing Director, Cosmos Alliance Thomas Morante (WCL '77) Partner, Holland & Knight, Miami, Florida</p>
10:45 am – 11:45 am	<p><u>Reflections on the trends explored and dialogues opened: conclusions and the way forward.</u></p> <p>In this final discussion group facilitators will summarize the discussions of the small groups and reflect on the issues raised during the conference and explore the next steps in promoting global interconnectedness in the practice of law.</p> <p>Discussants: Paul Allaer (WCL LLM '84) Kevin Blaich (WCL '83) Professor Padideh Ala'i Professor Christine Farley Dean Claudio Grossman Professor David Hunter Ronald A. Karp (WCL '71) Richard Lydecker Joel Michaels (WCL '75) Horacio Grigera Naón Professor David Snyder Professor Anthony E. Varona</p>
12:00 pm	<p>Lunch and Closing Remarks Dean Claudio Grossman American University Washington College of Law</p>

For registration and hotel reservations at a special group rate, please go to
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/events/miami2010/>
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