

AGREEMENT

By and between,

THE BARCELONA BAR ASSOCIATION
represented by
the President, Mr. Eugenio GAY MONTALVO

and

**THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION
OF THE FLORIDA BAR ASSOCIATION**

represented by
its Former President
William H. HILL.

WHEREAS:

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association and the Barcelona Bar Association, wishing as they do to build up a special relationship and moved by a common concern over the future of the legal profession, deem it desirable to establish close links between the two Bar Associations in response to certain common needs, and specifically:

- to enable members of both Bar Associations to enjoy ideal arrangements for becoming acquainted with the ever more complex and varied legal relationships arising through the economic bonds between the two countries and the social relationships arising between their citizens:
- to improve the service provided for legal-service users under American law and Spanish law through enhanced reciprocal acquaintance with the legal and court systems of the two countries.

This common stance is also to respond to the following professional needs:

- to foster the free circulation of lawyers, facilitating the exercise of the profession between the two countries, and enabling exchanges and meetings to be arranged, particularly in the area of professional training and of exchanges between young or aspiring lawyers;
- to facilitate relationships between the two Institutions, particularly through the reciprocal provision of information on matters relating to ethics, professional deontology, the fundamental rules of the profession, organization and professional training;
- to foster personal and professional contact between members of the two Bar Associations on a long-term basis;
- to enable common stances or initiatives to be formed in matters relating to the defense of the common interests of the profession, or to any other matter requiring such an approach.

Now therefore, both Institutions agree as follows:

Article 1. THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Article 1.1

The International Law Section of Florida Bar Association and the Barcelona Bar Association shall organize meetings from time to time between delegations of members to exchange points of view and information relating chiefly to legal practice, the professional rights of lawyers and their professional organization.

These Institutions, through their representatives, shall jointly decide how often these meetings are to be held and what fundamental topics are to be dealt with therein.

Article 1.2

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association and the Barcelona Bar Barcelona each undertakes to keep the other informed of all developments in legal and court systems pertaining to the practice of the legal profession.

Article 1.3

Both Institutions undertake to exchange information on trends, systems and developments in provisions for entry into the profession and for initial and continuous training for the profession.

Article 1.4

Both Institutions undertake to inform each other systematically and on a regular basis of the main new provisions pertaining to the law and its interpretation that come into force in their respective countries.

Article 1.5

Both Institutions undertake to exchange information on all business or law-related missions organized by consular institutions or other bodies when these relate to Barcelona or Florida.

Article 1.6

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association and the Barcelona Bar Association shall exchange all the information required to enable them reliably to inform their members on the conditions and basic consequences of their establishing themselves in the other country, particularly regarding the

Institutions shall provide assistance and support for members of the other Bar Association as if they were members of their own Association, especially as regards compliance with regulations.

Article 2. COURSES ON THEORY AND PRACTICE

Article 2.1

The **International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association** is setting to coordinate a programme in order to welcome young lawyers from the **Barcelona Bar Association** who are competent in the use of the English language and who wish to acquaint themselves with, or deepen their knowledge of, American law through work-experience periods in recognized law firms in Florida. Such lawyers shall also be encouraged to attend events and courses of study and continuous training arranged for lawyers of that district.

The **Barcelona Bar Association** undertakes to give the same commitment with respect to young American lawyers who are competent in the use of the Spanish (and/or Catalan) language and who wish to become acquainted with Spanish and Catalan law.

Article 2.2

The above provisions shall be performed by these Institutions that are parties to this Agreement. The two Bar Associations shall decide by joint agreement the number of places to be offered each year, where appropriate, and the members to whom the study-visits proposed by the home Bar Association are awarded. The material conditions of these study-visits (reception, accommodation, registration fees, remuneration) shall be decided by the two Deans.

Article 3. AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

Article 3.1

This Agreement may be amended by joint agreement between the parties hereto by means of an appendix. Any request involving such amendment put forward by one of the Institutions shall be submitted in writing at least six months in advance.

Article 4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT

Article 4.1

This Agreement is drawn up in the Spanish, Catalan and English languages, all three versions having equal validity.

This Agreement shall become effective as on the twenty-first day of January, nineteen ninety-five, provided that it has been ratified by the Boards of both the Institutions that are parties hereto.

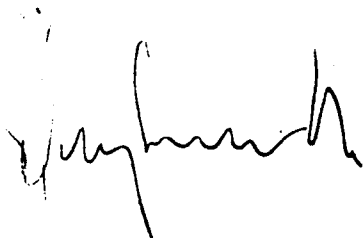
Article 5. PERFORMANCE

Responsibility for the performance of this Agreement falls to the President of the Barcelona Bar Association and to the President of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association without prejudice to their power to delegate their responsibilities on any of the members of their respective Billing Boards.

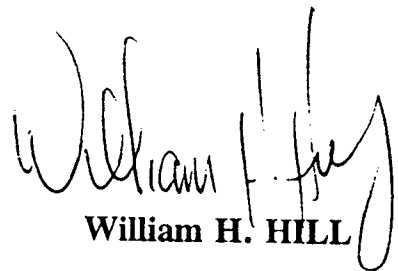
FINAL PROVISION

With respect to the **International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association**, this Section shall be authorized to arrange for the obligations and rights hereby entered into to be taken over in the near future by its Bar Association, this being immediately notified to the other party hereto.

In Barcelona, on the twenty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.



Eugenio GAY MONTALVO
President of the Barcelona
Bar Association



William H. HILL
Former President
International Law
Section Florida Bar Association