



THE FLORIDA BAR
INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION

AGENDA

International Law Section Executive Council Zoom Meeting

Friday, June 19, 2020
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

- I. Call To Order** – Clarissa Rodriguez, Chair
- II. Secretary Report** – James M. Meyer, Secretary
 - a. Minutes – February 27, 2020 (**Attachment A**)
 - b. Approval of Minutes
- III. Treasurer Report** – Rafael R. Ribeiro, Treasurer
 - a. Financial Statement – May 2020 (**Attachment B**)
 - b. Sponsorship Report
 - c. Approval of Treasurer’s Report
- IV. General Matters**
 - a. iLaw2020 Report (**Attachment C**)
 - b. Richard DeWitt Memorial Vis Pre-Moot Competition Report (**Attachment D**)
 - c. Select Committee Reports (**Attachment E**)
 - i. Asia Committee and Subcommittees – Susanne Leone (attachment)
 - ii. International Tax Committee – Jeff Hagan (attachment)
 - iii. Women in International Law – Jacqueline Villalba
 - iv. Foreign Legal Consultant Committee – Jacqueline Villalba
 - v. Public International Law, Human Rights & Global Justice –
Emercio Aponte
 - vi. CLE Initiatives – Katherine Sanoja (attachment)
 - vii. Legislative Committee Update – Carlos Osorio (attachment)
 - viii. ILS Gazette – Davide Macelloni
 - ix. ILQ – Ana M. Barton, Laura M. Reich (attachment)
 - x. Amicus Committee – Gerald Cope, Jr.
 - xi. White Collar Crime Committee – Robert Becerra
 - xii. USCIS, ICE, CBP, EOIR, Labor and State Department Liaison – Larry Rifkin
(attachment)
 - xiii. NAFTA Committee – William H. Hill, Jr. (attachment)
 - xiv. Arbitrators Committee – James P.S. Leshaw
 - xv. Faculty Committee – Prof. Manuel A. Gomez
 - xvi. Mediation Committee – Gary Birnberg
 - d. Litigation and Arbitration Certification – Gary Davidson
 - e. International Law Certification – Angelika Hunnefeld
 - f. International Deskbook 2020 – Pamela Seay (**Attachment F**)
 - g. ILS Gazette & Membership – Davide Macelloni

- h. ILS Lunch & Learn Report- Bob Becerra
- i. Website - James M. Meyer

V. Chair's Report – Clarissa Rodriguez

- a. 2019-2020 Section Accomplishments
- b. Chair's Special Appreciation
- c. 2020 – 2021 Proposed Executive Council (**Attachment G**)
- d. Election of Executive Council Members & Officers

VI. Incoming Chair's Welcome Remarks – Robert Becerra, 2020 – 2021 Chair

- a. Where the Section Is Headed
- b. Committees
- c. Upcoming Programs
- d. Other Ideas

VII. Meeting Adjournment



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EXHIBIT A

Minutes of the
International Law Section
Executive Council Meeting
Hosted by Hogan Lovells
600 Brickell Avenue
Suite 2700, Miami, Florida 33131

**Thursday, February
27, 2020
4:30 a.m. –
6:30 p.m.**

In Attendance Members and Guests:

Clarissa Rodriguez, Chair	Christopher N. Johnson
Robert Becerra, Chair-Elect	Yara Klukas
James M. Meyer, Secretary	Richard Montes de Oca
Rafael R. Riberio, Treasurer	Penelope Perez- Kelly
Carlos F. Osorio, Immediate Past Chair <i>Legislative Committee</i>	Laura Reich <i>ILQ</i>
Ana Barton <i>ILQ</i>	Yine Rodriguez – Perez
Gerald B. Cope Jr. <i>Litigation and Arbitration Certification</i>	Andres Sandoval Pamella A. Seay <i>ILS Desk Reference Handbook</i>
Kristin Drecktrah Paz	Cristina Vicens <i>ILaw2020</i>
Fabio Giallanza <i>CLE Initiatives</i>	Arnolda B. Lacayo, 2017-2018 Chair
Prof. Manuel Gomez	Alvin F. Lindsay, 2016-2017 Chair
Omar K. Ibrahim	Eduardo Palmer, 2015-2016 Chair

Peter A. Quinter, 2014-2015 Chair

Edward M. Mullins, 2010-2011
Chair, *Amicus Committee*

Thomas L. Raleigh III,
1999-2000 Chair

Larry S. Rifkin, 1996 -1997 Chair
*USCIS, ICE, CBP, EOIR, Labor
and State Dep Liaison*

William. H. Hill Jr., 1992-1993
Chair *NAFTA*

Susanne Leone
Asia Committee and Subcommittees

Davide Macelloni
ILS Gazette, Membership

Gary Birnberg
Mediation Committee

Adrian Nunez

Francesca Russo

Fernando Alvarez-Perez

Jeff Hagen

Nathalie M. de Almagro

Sherman Humphrey

Carolina Obarrio

Angela Froelich Alina M.
Fernández Portela

Neha Dagly

Felipe Awad

Brain Kramfir

Gary Davidson

Yine Rodriguez Perez

1. Call to Order – Clarissa Rodriguez, Chair, 2019-2020

Clarissa Rodriguez opened the meeting with a call to order and a warm welcome to all in attendance. She confirmed that a quorum was present. She recalled the highlights of the many events and programs of the ILS offered in the prior six months for which over 60 CLE credits were available. She encouraged all members to become more involved. She also announced the availability of the new ILS “swag” and encouraged everyone to purchase and promote it.

2. Secretary Report – James Meyer, Secretary

Minutes of Executive Council Meeting held June 28, 2019 were unanimously approved by motion, which was seconded.

3. Treasurer’s Report –Rafael R. Ribeiro, Treasurer

Rafael Ribeiro reported the Section is on a very good financial footing and well able to fund the current and upcoming Section programs. He explained that in the Budget, i-Law registrations and vendor sponsorships after January were not included and that, therefore, the numbers were therefore artificially low. He explained that Section Sponsorships were about even in the aggregate dollar amount but greatly increased in terms of the number of sponsors due to the new Strategic Sponsorship category which had allowed the Section to find new sponsors and regain prior sponsors who needed a lower entry point. It was pointed out that the Section currently has a positive balance of \$182,000. Gary Birnbaum asked if the difference between the budgeted and actual amounts listed in the Budget was a concern or if it was merely the result of a lag in reporting. Angela Froelich confirmed that the lag in reporting was the only significant issue. Al Lindsey asked if there was still a budgeted reserve for the printing of the International Desk Book. Angela and Robert Becerra both confirmed that the reserve for the printing was covered by a \$9,000 special project fund provided as a line item in the budget

4. General Matters

a. Sponsorships.

Chair Clarissa Rodriguez expressed her belief that the new Strategic Sponsor sponsorship category at the lower \$1,500 rate has thus far been a great success and she thanked Rafael and all others involved for implementing and administering the initiative.

5. Committee Reports

- a. i-Law 2020 Report: iLaw Chair Cristina Vicens reported that preparations for iLaw were going well. She thanked Davide Macelloni for helping her promote the event in the Gazette. She said that the venue, catering and amenities will be better than ever this year. She explained that, financially, this year’s conference was exceeding expectations, in part due to the arrangement for co-sponsorship with ICDR but also due to the greater number of vendor sponsors (ten) resulting in a total of \$24,750 in revenue. She confirmed that, at last count, over 130 people had registered for the

conference and she expected at least another 30 registrations from unused complimentary tickets, last minute registrations and walk-ins. It was pointed out that all speaker bios had been uploaded to the website together with update panel descriptions. Meyer asked that Executive Council members assist during the day of the conference by encouraging individuals to attend the presentations in the breakout rooms rather than lingering in the halls, especially for panels at which sponsors would be presenting.

b. Richard DeWitt Memorial Vis Pre-Moot.

Before introducing the Committee Chair, Adrian Nunez, Section Chair Clarissa Rodriguez thanked JAMS for once again hosting the event and thanked everyone involved for once again putting together an excellent program. Robert Becerra reminded everyone that CLE credits were available to the participants. Adrian then thanked Hogan Lovells for their support and facilities, as well. He reported that the 2020 Vis Pre-moot was likely to be the most successful yet, with 8 law schools participating, including two new ones and one foreign school. He explained that, unfortunately, UF and Emory were not able to participate this year but that they had both preliminarily committed for next year. He thanked the Council Members who were serving as judges. He thanked JAMS for sponsoring the 1st Place Award and MIAS for the Second Place and Best Oralists Awards. He announced that Happy Hour would be held at Better Days after the competition. Chair Clarissa Rodriguez reminded everyone that the ILS also provides a stipend for students to attend the program in Switzerland.

c. Select Committee Reports - Chair Rodriguez requested that select committees provide brief reports to keep the meeting on schedule, keeping in mind that written reports were already attached to the Agenda.

- i. Asian Committees and Subcommittees – Committee Co-Chairs Susanne Leone and Neha Dagley delivered a brief report regarding the activities including the Committee’s hosting of a delegation from India of lawyers and law students, as a follow-up to the Committees’ successful conference in India last year. In particular, they thanked Prof. Manuel Gomez for his assistance in allowing the delegation to visit and interact at FIU School of Law.
- ii. Women in International Law – Chair Clarissa Rodriguez presented on behalf of Committee Chair Jaqueline Villalba, reporting that the committee held another successful “dress for success” holiday event and that they are making preparations for a wellness and relaxation event in May.
- iii. Foreign Legal Consultant Committee – Chair Clarissa Rodriguez presented the report on behalf of Committee Chair Jacqueline Villalba. She summarized the FLC program and ILS’ involvement and thanked past Chairs, Yine Rodriguez and Neha Dagley for their work in revamping and streamlining the application process. Angela Froelich confirmed that we have 20 to 30 applications

pending but that our turn-around time has improved significantly during the course of this year under the supervision of Jackie Villalba. Omar Ibrahim commented that the ILS is unduly burdened by the Florida Bar to administer this time consuming and costly task, and that the ILS should consider demanding compensation or resources from the Bar or consider withdrawing from the responsibility. Section Chair Clarissa Rodriguez explained that in a Board of Governors meeting two years prior, she learned that many leaders in the Bar did not even know the program existed and that she and Yine Rodriguez had to explain it to them. Ed Mullins explained that the ILS agreed to take on the responsibility in exchange for the implementation of the program and that the Section would not be able to simply withdraw from administering it. Eduardo Palmer and James Meyer explained the history and purpose of the program and its importance to the Bar and to the international practice in Florida in general by helping our fellow non-Florida Bar international practitioners avoid issues with the unauthorized practice of law. They also emphasized the prestige which the responsibility brings to the Section.

- iv. Public International Law, Human Rights & Global Justice Committee - Section Chair Clarissa Rodriguez reported on behalf of the Committee Chair Dr. Emericio Aponte who was unable to attend. She referred to his Report attached to the Agenda and thanked him and the Committee for their contributions and their assistance and content in connection with i-Law and other programming
- v. CLE Initiatives – Section Chair Clarissa Rodriguez reported on behalf of the Committee Chair Katherine Sanoja. Clarissa explained that Katherine was working with Angela Froelich on webinars but that they need and were asking members for new ideas for content.
- vi. Legislative Committee- The Committee Chair Carlos Osorio explained that the committee continues its efforts pushing for reform on service of process on international parties outside the State. The goal is still to try to make Chapter 48 more like Federal Rule 4. BLS is supporting this and have asked ILS for input on foreign service. There is draft legislation but no bill has been introduced yet. They are hoping there will be a bill in the next session. BLS is allowing ILS to consult with their lobbyist but that not having its own lobbyist is a great disadvantage to the ILS and the lack of such assistance necessitates a great deal more effort on the part of the attorneys on the committee. He also explained that, due to that fact, new blood and new leadership on the

committee is required each year, and that he was calling for volunteers. Meyer said that, in attending the Council of Sections earlier that month, Gypsy Bailey, General Counsel of the Bar indicated that all legislative work by the ILS needs to be accomplished in coordination with her office, and that all arrangements with lobbyists need to be reported to her as well. Clarissa thanked Carlos for his continued service on such an important and time-consuming committee, especially after serving the immediate prior year as Chair of the Section, which was an unusual as it was appreciated.

- vii. ILS Gazette – Chair Rodriguez thanked the Editor-in-Chief of the ILS Gazette, Davide Macelloni, for building-up the publication and making it a major hub for information and programs for international practitioners in Florida, giving the ILS exposure to many new individuals and groups. Davide confirmed that the publication likely has over 2,000 subscribers although it is difficult to tell based on the number of email kickbacks he receives. He explained that he is working on updating the mailing distribution list to have a more accurate list and count. He thanked those who send in articles for publication in the Gazette and for members news items. He also praised the efforts of Cristina Vicens and her use of the Gazette to get information out about i-Law. Cristina then thanked Davide again for his help and coordination.
- viii. International Law Quarterly - Co-Editors-in-Chief Laura Reich and Ana Barton (joining by phone) began by offering that the current ILQ is focused on Challenges to Democracy. Dr. Emericio Aponte served as a guest editor, which included content in multiple languages. For these reasons and others, Laura said that she was very proud of this issue. Laura and Ana confirmed that they have increased the circulation of the periodical with an eye towards increasing advertising revenue. Laura announced that the publication is going to recommit to living up to its name by having four issues each year, which in the past has proven to be a challenge. She explained that they plan to do this by publishing the Summer issue using a staff of law students and by offering a “year in review” concept. They explained that the next issue would be focused on seizing foreign assets and enforcing foreign judgments, and Laura issued a call for authors, editors and articles. Eduardo Palmer commented that the Year in Review is an excellent idea which had worked very well in the past, and he commended the use of law students. Laura then confirmed that students from FIU and UM were already onboard and the UF has committed as well, but that FSU and Stetson still needed to be contacted.

- ix. Amicus Committee - Gerald Cope stated that the committee had nothing new to report.
- x. White Collar Crime Committee – Committee Chair Robert Becerra reported that the Committee was active this year and most recently offered a successful seminar and webinar on Venezuelan sanctions. He added that they had proposed and would present a panel at i-Law 2020. He thanked Richard Montes de Oca for his efforts in both of those programs.
- xi. USCIS, ICE, CBP, EOIR, Labor and State Department Liaison – Committee Chair Larry Rifkin reported that the committee was reaching out to AILA to jointly hold a two day conference. He confirmed that the committee would continue producing articles and offering webinars and other educational activities, including participation in an upcoming seminar in Bogota, which he said was open to participation by other ILS members. Clarissa then pointed out that Larry’s efforts stood out as he is the most prolific webinar producer within the ILS, and that the Section was very grateful to him in that regard.
- xii. NAFTA Countries Committee - William Hill reported that a USMC seminar will be held in Orlando with the Quebec Bar on April 9, 2020. He explained that world renown speakers on trade treaties will be presenting, together with several prominent judges. He confirmed that the event will be held at the Grand Bohemian Hotel and that all ILS members are invited. He thanked Akerman for hosting a corresponding workshop on April 8th and special presentations will be made honoring Lucius Smejda, who founded the committee.
- xiii. Arbitration Committee. No report was made.
- xiv. Law School Liaison Committee - Committee Chair Prof. Manuel Gomez reported that the Committee’s main challenge has been connecting with the law schools. During the past year, efforts have been made through the various offices of the Deans. However, events arranged by reaching out directly with the students have proven to be more successful. The issue is that the ILS needs to be invited onto the campuses. “We can’t just show up,” he said. Therefore, we need to find ways to interact with the students off campus. Vis Pre-Moot Court is “low hanging fruit” in that regard. The other way to manage the issue is to contact the international law student organizations within the schools. However, their email addresses are most often not available. Therefore, again, the best conduit will likely be through participants in our Vis Pre-Moot Court Programs. The ILQ Summer Issue initiative and the Legislative Committee’s call for volunteers will likely provide other points of entry. Once we have those contacts, we need to ask those students to introduce us to their

international law organizations. Davide Macelloni suggested that promoting law student membership in our Section would be another way to get connected with the law school and, law student members are likely to later become full members.

- xv. Litigation and Arbitration Certification – Committee Chair Gary Davidson commented that the new certification program was going well with 30 to 40 applicants (including those who have grandfathered into the program). Ed Mullins agreed and reminded everyone that the test cycle begins in May, so new applications will be for next year. He also explained that the committee has a lot of work in writing and administering the exams and that it therefore needs more volunteers – in particular, he suggested that all of the lawyers who have already become certified become involved to pitch into the effort. He also suggested that people volunteer to give a test review class. Chair Rodriguez reminded everyone that the new International Desk Book would also help.
- xvi. International Law Certification – Chair Rodriguez encouraged members to apply for Certification.
- xvii. ILS Desk Reference Handbook - Pamela Seay, who spearheaded the effort for over two years and served as the Editor, unveiled the first complete and final version of the book. She thanked all of the editors that have worked on the book. Al Lindsey asked how much the book would cost to publish per unit and how much we will sell it for. Pamela responded that the publication process will cost the Section only \$18 per unit and that the Section will be selling it for \$99 per unit. She explained that a digital version is not yet available but that it will be soon.
- xviii. Wellness Opportunities – Chair Rodriguez explained that one of the continuing priorities of the Bar is to emphasize wellness within the profession, and that all Sections were encouraged to create wellness programs. She then thanked Pamela Seay for aligning the Section with a professional program designed for attorneys called a Surfer’s Journey in Costa Rica which offers 13 CLE credits and a 25% discount for members of the Florida Bar. She then showed a promotional video of the event which included her own testimonial.
- xix. Website – Section Secretary James Meyer reported that the website has been updated on frequent basis during that past year and that new content has been added including a new interactive program for Vis Pre- Moot Court, which Adrian Nunez then explained in further detail. Meyer then mentioned that the website would soon be updated to include a section which will allow members to purchase “ILS swag.” He also mentioned that the Bar was encouraging all Sections to use

their website vendor so that the Sections would have continuity with the Bar and so that we could save money. Al Lindsey asked if ROAR Media was responsive and doing a good job. Meyer confirmed that they were performing well but that they were somewhat expensive, and that, for that reason, he would recommend a wait and see approach with regard to using the Bar's vendor

6. New Business – Questions & Comments.

First time attendee, Brian Kramfir, asked the Board if, given the great surplus in funds that the Section has, would they consider reducing the costs of membership and attendance at i-Law for solo practitioners and law students. Chair Clarissa Rodriguez responded that the Section was sensitive to those issues and that new categories of registration for i-Law were added this year to lower the rates for non-lawyers and other categories, and that other categories and accommodations were being planned for roll out at future events. Carlos Osorio commented that i-Law's registration fees are less than half of the cost of other similar conferences. He also mentioned that the Bar does not allow the Section to "stockpile" funds. Al Lindsey further explained that, based on a prior experience in which the Section was running at a significant deficit, it was determined that a budgeted reserve was a healthy and prudent measure to take.

7. Chair's Closing Remarks.

Chair Clarissa Rodriguez closed by thanking the meeting room host, Hogan Lovells. She then highlighted the Lunch and Learn Program sponsored by Fiduciary Trust International as an exemplary ILS program. She commended Chair-Elect Robert Becerra for doing an excellent job of moderating the monthly event and applauded his sense of humor. She then relaying a few of the stories that Bob had elicited from his guests. She then thanked the past ILS Chairs in attendance for their continuing participation. She announced that the next ILS Executive Council Meeting would be held in Orlando on Friday, June 19, 2020.

With that, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm and the Executive Council Members were welcomed to attend the Opening Cocktail Reception for i-Law 2020 being held in the lobby of our meeting room host, Hogan Lovells.



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EXHIBIT B



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2019 – 2020
International Law Section
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MAY 2020

Beginning Fund Balance	\$150,610
Total Revenue	\$172,104
Total Expenses	(\$175,881)
Net Operations	\$(3,777)
Ending Fund Balance	\$146,832*

** See attached Statement of Operation*

MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership	908
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For the Eight Months Ending May 31, 2020

	May	YTD 2020	FY 19-20 Budget	Prior Year May	YTD 2019
3001-Annual Fees		\$39,850	\$42,900		\$41,730
3002-Affiliate Fees		\$1,385	\$1,000		\$1,045
Total Fee Revenue	\$	\$41,235	\$43,900	\$	\$42,775
3301-Registration-Live		40,135	45,000		42,500
3331-Registration-Ticket		\$3,635	5,900		
Total Registration Revenue	\$	\$43,770	\$50,900	\$	\$42,500
3351-Sponsorships		89,250	\$101,000		\$68,400
3391 Section Profit Split	(\$43)	\$1,742	\$350	(\$1,169)	(\$1,697)
3392-Section Differential	\$50	\$150	\$200		\$100
Other Event Revenue	\$7	\$91,142	\$101,550	(\$1,169)	\$66,803
3699 - Other Operating Rev			\$500		
Other Revenue Sources	\$	\$	\$500	\$	\$
3899-Investment Allocation	\$3,231	(\$4,043)	\$6,127	(\$4,348)	\$1,079
Non-Operating Income	\$3,231	(\$4,043)	\$6,127	(\$4,348)	\$1,079
Total Revenue	\$3,238	\$172,104	\$202,977	(\$5,517)	\$153,157
4131-Telephone Expense			\$750		\$168
4133-Internet Service			\$500		\$168
4134-Web Services	1,250	\$14,814	\$14,000	\$1,250	\$13,750
4311-Office Supplies	\$115	\$682			114
Total Staff & Office Expense	\$1,365	\$15,496	\$15,250	\$1,250	\$14,199
5031 - A/V Services		10,587	5,200		8,871
5051-Credit Card Fees	\$128	\$1,826	\$1,525	\$145	\$1,639
5101 - Consultants		\$6,510	\$11,500		\$6,476
5121-Printing-Outside		\$1,750	\$8,550		\$4,360
Total Contract Services	\$128	\$20,673	\$26,775	\$145	\$21,346
5501-Employee Travel		\$3,263	\$4,829	\$1,337	\$3,009
5531-Board/Off/Memb Travel		4,163	\$4,000	-128	1,155
5599-Other Travel				178	\$1,173
Total Travel	\$	\$7,426	\$8,829	\$1,387	\$5,337
6001-Post 1st Class/Bulk		\$158	\$1,000	4	\$68
6021 - Express Mail		\$4			
6301-Mtgs TFB Annual Meeting			\$15,250		
6311-Mtgs General Meeting		\$133	\$1,500		\$289

6319-Mtgs Other Functions	1,935	44,957	\$49,000	170	17,982
6321-Mtgs Meals		25,544	\$19,000	3,988	27,375
6325-Mtgs Hospitality	5,335	\$34,529	\$38,850		\$19,905
6331 - Mtgs Room Rental					\$300
6531-Brd/Off Special Project	5,598	9,711	\$9,000		\$1,544
7001-Grant/Award/Donation	376	\$66	\$1,500		\$227
7999-Other Operating Exp		\$1,077	\$950		\$471
Total Other Expense	\$13,244	\$116,179	\$136,050	\$4,162	\$68,161
8021-Section Admin Fee		\$14,958	\$15,894		\$15,066
8101-Printing In-House		\$274	\$500		\$76
8141 - Journal/News service		\$425			\$850
8171-Course Approval Fee		\$150	150		450
Total Admin & Internal Expense	\$	\$15,807	\$16,544	\$	\$16,442
9692-Transfer Out-Council of Sections		\$300	\$300		\$300
Total InterFund Transfers Out	\$	\$300	\$300	\$	\$300
Total Expense	\$14,737	\$175,881	\$203,748	\$6,944	\$125,785
Net Income	(\$11,499)	(\$3,777)	(\$771)	(\$12,461)	\$27,372
2001-Fund Balance, Beginning		\$150,610			\$139,618
Fund Balance, Ending	\$	\$146,832	\$	\$	\$166,992



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EXHIBIT C

Report for Executive Council Meeting
iLaw2020: The ILS Global Forum on International Law

This year, the International Law Section put on a great iLaw on February 28, 2020, at the JW Marriott Marquis, in downtown Miami. More than 150 people attended. The year's unofficial theme (which developed organically) was corruption.

The day opened with a short keynote by Richard Newcomb, former OFAC director, and a follow-up Q&A session with two prominent international practitioners. From there, the attendees broke off into three tracks: the international litigation track, the international business transactions track, and the ICDR international arbitration track. At lunch, Elisabeth Eljuri, former chief negotiator and chief legal counsel for Sierra Oil and Gas, gave the keynote address. The closing panel was led by Manuel Gomez and discussed the effects of corruption from the points of view of international litigation, transactional, and arbitration practitioners. Participants received credit for 8.5 hours of CLE.

The international arbitration track was sponsored by the ICDR, and the conference was sponsored by Morgan & Morgan, Veritext Legal Solutions, Crossroads Investigations, Lowers Forensics, Abitos, US Legal Support, Milá, Bloomberg, Compass Legal Marketing, and Vistra. In all, the iLaw steering committee raised \$27,000 in sponsorship funds.

Special thank you to the vice-chairs and members of the steering committee, who helped put together a great program this year: Harout J. Samra, Grant S. Smith, Tiffany N. Comprés, Lauren Bengochea, Richard Montes de Oca, Jacqueline Villalba, Omar Ibrahim, Sherman Humphrey, Manuel Gomez, Gerald B. Cope, and Christine Concepcion.

We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Cristina Vicens
Chair, iLaw2020



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EXHIBIT D

Florida Bar ILS Richard DeWitt Memorial Vis Pre-Moot Committee **2020 Annual Report**

Chair: *Adrian Nuñez*

Committee Members: *Averil Andrews, Sherman Humphrey, Alicia Menendez, Michael Hoffman, Priscila Bandeira, Andres Sandoval and Natalia Nincevic*

The Vis Pre-Moot held a very successful event on February 29, 2020. Participating law schools included:

- American University Washington College of Law
- Florida International University College of Law
- Florida State University College of Law
- St. Thomas University School of Law
- Stetson University College of Law
- Tulane University Law School
- University of Lapland Faculty of Law
- University of Miami School of Law

2020 included the expansion of the pre-moot to include three new schools, more teams and the return of Lapland from Finland, which had not participated in the last 3 years. Over 50 volunteer arbitrators participated in judging 10 teams. As in prior years, the ILS gave \$3,500 stipends to the five participating Florida law schools to support their preparations for the Vienna and Hong Kong moots. Unfortunately, the moots were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, many schools participated online via a virtual moot. JAMS graciously hosted the Vis Pre-Moot once more providing facilities and support at its Miami center. Hogan Lovells also co-hosted providing conference room space and support and kindly lent their beautiful reception area to hold the Vis Pre-Moots' closing reception and awards. The law schools also attended the iLaw Friday night cocktail reception and appreciated the opportunity to relax and network at the pre-moot's happy hour. We were also happy to have Luba DeWitt join us again to celebrate the memory of Richard DeWitt.

While the Vis Pre-Moot unfortunately lost the sponsorship from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2020, we are very grateful to JAMS and MIAS for their generous contributions: JAMS sponsored the First Place Team prize and MIAS, in addition to its annual Best Oralist prize, sponsored the Second Place Team prize. Additionally, we had Alvin Lindsay and Osorio Internacional, P.A. as event sponsors.

For 2021, with the continued support from JAMS and Hogan Lovells, the pre-moot may further its expansion by including the return of University of Florida, which did not host a team this year, and possibly invite another foreign, civil law school to increase the diversity of student participants.



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Asia Committee Report
June 2020

The Asia Committee/India Subcommittee is planning a webinar in conjunction with the Indian Lawyers Association and Australian attorneys. We are currently in communication with local and foreign attorneys to finalize the topic.

Chair: Susanne Leone

China subcommittee chair: Gaston Fernandez

South Korea subcommittee chair: Alvin Lindsay

India subcommittee chair: Neha Dagley



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Tax Committee Report: 2020
International Law Section of the Florida Bar
Florida Bar Annual Meeting
June 19, 2020

by Jeff Hagen, Harper Meyer LLP

Throughout the last year it has been an honor to lead the charge to bring back the Tax Committee to the International Law Section, and I am pleased to say it has officially returned.

In February, the Tax Committee hosted a panel at iLaw with speakers from the United Kingdom, Panama and the U.S. who discussed the scope and impact of new Economic Substance laws in popular low tax jurisdictions. The world continues to progress in talks toward the establishment of a minimum tax rate and some nations, such as France, have proposed digital taxes on U.S. companies. The global pandemic has already caused emergency IRS regulations to be implemented.

In the coming year, we plan to organize a Florida Bar CLE focused on these and other current events in international tax. It is our goal to increase participation overall and to organize at least one additional transactional panel at iLaw next year.

International Law Section - CLE Committee Report

Below is a brief update from the International Law Section's CLE Committee. This past spring and summer the International Law Section launched a webinar series touching on topics that addressed the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, including:

- **Covid-19: Its Impact on Your Visa/Immigration Status and How You can Protect Yourself (Course # 3900)** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. T

This webinar covered some of the immigration consequences of the pandemic, including visa expirations, travel restrictions, US consulate closures abroad, work authorizations for students and deportation/immigration custody issues. Presented By: *Grant Kaplan, Law Office of Grant Kaplan, Boca Raton*

- **In Person to Remote and Back, or Not? - A Roadmap for Lw Firms (Course #3914)** Tuesday, April 7, 2020: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

How to handle the transition from in person to remote. Tips, hacks, and thoughts from a small firm that operated with a global staff prior to COVID19.

Presented by: Giacomo Bossa, Moris & Associates, Doral

Moderated by: Katherine Sanoja, GST LLP, Miami

- **Surviving the Epidemic of Force Majeure Claims in International Contracts (Course # 3913)** Thursday, April 9, 2020: 12:30p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Is there a difference between commercial impracticability, impossibility, act of god and force majeure? How do these concepts apply in US and other jurisdictions? What is the scope of Art. 79 of the CISG? What happens when you do not have a force majeure clause in your contract? Are there special considerations when dealing with construction projects?

Presented by:

Tiffany N. Comprés, Shutts & Bowen LLP, Miami Alvin F. Lindsay, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Miami Carlos F. Osorio, Osorio Internacional, P.A., Miami

Moderated by:

Katherine Sanoja, GST LLP, Miami

The Public Charge Maze - How to Navigate the New Frontier; The New Public-Charge Provisions and its Impact on Issuance of NonImmigrant and Immigrant Visas (Course # 3975) – Wednesday, June 24, 2020

This audio webcast will discuss the new public-charge provisions and their impact on immigrant and non-immigrant visas.

Presented by: Elaine Weiss, Miami and Juan Carlos Freire, Miami

Moderated by: Larry S. Rifkin

We recently circulated a survey with several suggested topics. Based on the responses received, we are working on getting speakers for the following webinars that were the topics of most interest to our members:

- International Disputes and COVID-19: What types of Cases Can We Anticipate Will Emerge or What Cases Are Emerging as a Result?
- Remote Arbitration: How to Manage an Arbitration Remotely. What's the Best Technology? How Should Your Preparation be Different? How Does it Affect the Presentation of your Case and Other Practical Tips?
- Neutral Facilitation: How to Help Your Clients Avoid Disputes with Their Clients/Suppliers in Trying Times

Separately, we have a number of groups that are interested in presenting other unique and timely topics in the late summer. Once we have those confirmed, we will share that information through the ILS Gazette.

For Fall 2020, we are planning on working on a CLE series that will be helpful to those pursuing board certifications in international litigation and arbitration.

Between all of the webinars and events hosted by the ILS, we have offered over 75 CLE credits over the course of the last year.

If anyone is interested in presenting or moderating a webinar on one of the above topics or has an interesting international law topic to propose, please feel free to reach me at Katherine.sanoja@gstllp.com or via phone at (305) 856-7723.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE CHAIR CARLOS F. OSORIO, ESQ., BCS
2020

1. This legislative session in the Tallahassee legislature we tracked bills that could be of interest to the Section that might require the deployment of Section resources to support or oppose same. No such bills required such deployment this legislative session.
2. The Section renewed with the “Big Bar” its stated positions in opposition to term limits for judges and in support of the reform of Chapter 48 as to international service aspects. The Section has a draft bill in this regard, which would be FS 48.197 if ratified, crafted to reform international service to be more similar and streamlined as that permitted by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The ILS and Business Law Section (“BLS”) are coordinating in this regard. Committee Chair Carlos F. Osorio is part of the BLS Chapter 48 Task Force which is working on an overall reform of Chapter 48 where the ILS’s international service initiative could be included, assuming a bill is proposed by the BLS and ILS. By teaming with BLS and potentially other sections, the ILS increases its ability to lobby for the reform of Chapter 48.
3. The Legislative Committee will suggest to the Website Committee changes to the “Legislation Initiatives” tab on our website to update and refresh what legislative initiatives appear.
4. The Legislative Committee recommends that an appropriate resolution be passed by the Section regarding the current anti-racist movement and protests sweeping the Nation. A proposed statement would be as follows, which is patterned off of the American Bar Association’s Business Law Section statement:

The International Law Section of The Florida Bar stands in solidarity with the Black community and with all people seeking an end to racism and intolerance. We condemn these unjust killings, and we support all those exposing systemic racism not only in our criminal justice system but across American society, including the legal profession.

Any resolution approved would need to then comply with Bar notification requirements. See Standing Board Policy 9.50(d).

5. It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Committee Chair. I would like to find some volunteers to mentor in the ways of the legislative committee which can be complicated when considering that we propose and oppose legislation. We are often consulted by the Bar, Legislators, other Sections, and not-for-profit groups on our positions on matters. We sometimes work as a bridge to other sections, such as BLS and ADR, to name two. Our work is very rewarding and experience is key. Volunteers are needed. Please join.

Report of the International Law Quarterly Committee:

- In connection with the Annual Meeting, the *ILQ* committee is pleased to distribute the **Spring 2020 *International Law Quarterly***, which was written, edited, and produced while the ILS membership was largely working out of their offices. This edition represents the dedicated efforts of over dozen people—article authors, World Round-Up authors, editors, and staff—all of whom gave their time and attention to the *ILQ* under difficult circumstances. The Spring 2020 edition will be distributed electronically and posted on the ILS website.
- This edition of the *ILQ* has added two new columns: “**Best Practices**,” a practice management and wellness column, and “**Quick Take**,” an executive summary of complex issues addressed in an easily understandable and practical format.
- The *ILQ* committee is thrilled to announce that **Jeff Hagen** will be joining the editorial board as the new “Special Features” editor. There is an open position on the board for a “World Round-Up” editor – please contact Ana Barton or Laura Reich if you are interested or would like more information.
- Also, if anyone would like to have creative and editorial control over a future edition as a **Guest Editor**, please do not hesitate to reach out for more information.
- The next regularly-scheduled edition of the *ILQ* will be published in **Fall 2020** – the topic of the edition will be **Customs and Trade** (suggested by our new Chair Bob Becerra!) The deadline for submission of draft articles is **August 31, 2020**. Please submit a statement of interest in writing an article on a specific topic to Ana Barton (abarton@reedsmith.com) and Laura Reich (laura@reichrodriguez.com) as soon as possible so we can prevent duplication and ensure that a variety of topics are covered.
- We continue working to add advertising to the *ILQ*, with the initial goal of making it revenue neutral and the long-term goal of making it revenue-generating.
- The *ILQ* committee’s goal is to continue to publish a FULL *ILQ* edition for distribution at the (1) ILS Fall Retreat, the (2) ILS Winter Meeting/iLaw/Vis, and the (3) Spring Florida Bar/ILS Annual Meeting. We continue to consider a fourth virtual-only summer edition with law student assistance.
- Please remember to send us pictures and summaries of any *ILQ* events. We will publish them in the “Section Scene” portion of the *ILQ*.

Ana M. Barton, Esq.

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THE FLORIDA BAR INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION:
USCIS, ICE, CBP, EOIR, LABOR, AND STATE DEPARTMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Committee Chair Larry S. Rifkin

June 19, 2020

During the past 12 months our Committee has been involved in a number of activities including a webinar, a consular report with regard to the U.S. Consulate in Lima, Peru; an article published in The International Law Quarterly, a civic event in Central Florida, and an outreach program on behalf of the Section in Saint Petersburg. Anabel Nataros, committee member, represented the Section for two days at the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Central Florida Conference on October 24 and 25, 2019; in an outreach program on behalf of the Section. She was very successful in engaging many members of AILA and informing them of the Section's activities and how they would benefit an immigration practitioner in that we have an active immigration committee, the benefits of networking with Section members in other international specialties, and promoted the ILaw 2020 Global Forum on International Law. Emercio Aponte Nunez, committee member, on behalf of our Committee as well the Committee for Human Rights had a very successful immigration outreach program in coordination with the Resurrection Catholic Church in Lakeland, Florida which was held on January 19, 2020. This outreach program covered not only immigration issues; it also included information with regard to road safety issues and medical insurance/requirements for foreign nationals. This is the first in a series of outreach programs to be scheduled in Central Florida and will enhance the Section's visibility in Central Florida. The Committee also continued in its liaison with the U.S. Consulate in Lima Peru; regarding immigrant visa issues specifically visa processing at that Post for Venezuelan nationals. With regard to keeping members of the Bar up to date on current immigration issues, the Committee held a webinar which complemented an article published in the Fall, 2019 edition of The International Law Quarterly. Both the article and webinar were titled "Non-immigrant Visa Processing in the Caribbean". The webinar was held on January 22, 2020. We have a webinar planned for June 24, 2020 titled "The Public Charge Maze - How to Navigate the New Frontier; The New Public-Charge Provisions and its Impact on Issuance of Non-Immigrant and Immigrant Visas". The webinar will be complemented by an article to be published in the next edition of The International Law Quarterly.

NAFTA/USMC AND OTHER COUNTIES COMMITTEE REPORT

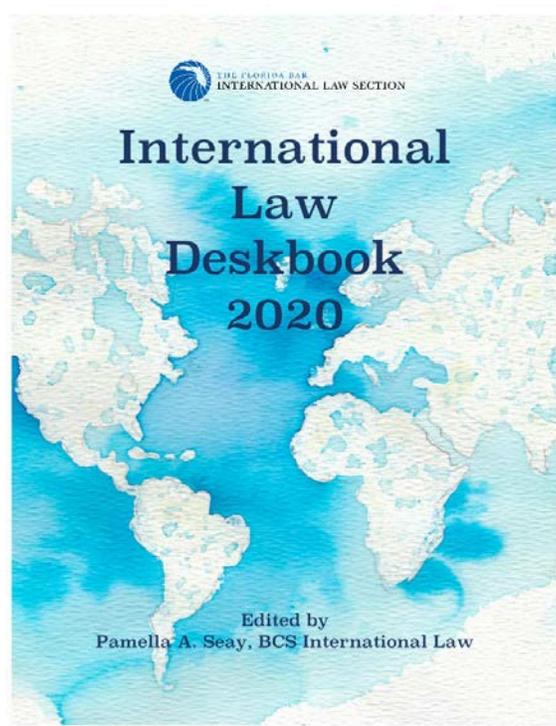
The NAFTA Committee was contacted by the Bureau de Quebec in May of 2020 expressing renewed interest in rescheduling the proposed postponed program date of April 8, 2020 and further developing a revision to the Cooperation Agreement between our two Bars. Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions plans for future activities have not been developed. The committee is disposed to initiate renewed contact with the appropriate liaison person of the Bureau de Quebec later this summer.

William H. Hill, Jr., NAFTA/USMC Committee Chair



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After several long years and hours of work by a host of volunteers, the International Law Section's long-awaited International Law Deskbook is finally going to press! It will be available for pre-order on the Florida Bar website within the next few days. Purchase price is \$99 and you can reserve your copy now with expected shipping of August 1.

Each contributing author will receive a free copy as soon as the final books are delivered, so you can expect one in your mailbox within a couple of weeks.

Each of the many contributors deserve our personal thanks and plenty of praise for their efforts:

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I will be back in touch at our next meeting with a proposal for a variety of spin-off ideas such as: (1) Updates to the text; (2) a 2nd edition with new chapters, (3) Certification Prep Course

Submitted, June 17, 2020, Pamella Seay, editor, International Law Deskbook



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June 19, 2020

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