

AGREEMENT

between

**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG
KONG**

and

THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR

WHEREAS:

The International Law Section of The Florida Bar (ILS) and the International Legal Affairs Committee of The Law Society of Hong Kong (ILAC) (collectively the “Parties”), wishing to establish a special relationship and moved by a common concern over the future of the international legal profession, deem it desirable to establish close links between the Parties, and specifically:

- to enable members of the Parties to become acquainted with the permanent and constructive legal relationships arising from the economic and social interaction between the two legal jurisdictions;
- to encourage the improvement of client legal-services under American Federal law and Florida law and Hong Kong law through enhanced reciprocal understanding of the legal systems and court procedures of the two legal jurisdictions.

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

- to foster increased circulation of lawyers, facilitate the practice of the profession between the two legal jurisdictions, and enabling exchanges and meetings particularly in the area of professional training among aspiring lawyers.
- to facilitate relationships between the Parties, through the exchange of information, to extent applicable under the laws of each jurisdiction, on matters relating to professional ethics, particularly in areas which will assist each Party’s members to understand the laws and legal systems of the two legal jurisdictions;
- to foster long-term personal and professional contact between current members of the Parties; and
- to enable common ideas or initiatives to be formed on matters relating to the maintenance of the principles of the legal profession and upon mutual agreement of other related matters requiring such an approach.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1.
THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Article 1.1.

The Parties shall endeavour to organize meetings either in person or by electronic means from time to time between delegations of members to exchange points of view and information relating to the legal practice, the professional rights of lawyers and their professional organizations in the legal jurisdictions, to the extent allowed by any applicable laws in each legal jurisdiction.

Article 1.2.

The Parties shall endeavour to exchange information on trends, procedures and developments regarding entry into the legal profession through their respective legal and court systems.

Article 1.3.

The Parties shall endeavour to exchange information on new and critical legal trends, developments and procedures that come into force in their respective legal jurisdictions.

Article 1.4.

Each Party may distribute information regarding this Agreement to their members and may invite comments and suggestions from their members for exchange between the Parties.

Article 1.5.

The Parties shall (subject to applicable laws and practices) exchange information required to enable them to reliably inform their members on the conditions and basic consequences about establishing themselves in the other legal jurisdiction, particularly regarding the professional and ethical standards prevailing in the host legal jurisdiction. The Parties shall provide information on becoming affiliated members of the other Association to the members of the other Association, subject to compliance with the requirements for affiliated membership in each other's Associations.

**ARTICLE 2.
COURSES ON THEORY AND PRACTICE**

Article 2.1.

The ILS contemplates coordinating a program in order to welcome members of The Law Society of Hong Kong who wish to acquaint themselves with, or deepen their knowledge of, American Federal law and Florida law through work experience terms in recognized law firms in Florida. Such lawyers shall also be encouraged to attend events and pursue continuous training arranged for lawyers of that legal jurisdiction.

The ILAC contemplates coordinating a program in order to welcome members of The Florida Bar who wish to acquaint themselves with, or deepen their knowledge of, Hong Kong law through work

experience terms in recognized law firms in Hong Kong. Such lawyers shall also be encouraged to attend events and pursue continuous training arranged for lawyers of that legal jurisdiction.

Article 2.2.

The Parties (based on their respective hosting capacity) shall inform each other of the number of places to be offered each year, where appropriate, and the members to whom the study-visits are awarded. The structure and organization of these study-visits (reception, accommodation, registration, fees, remuneration, etc.) shall be determined based on mutual agreement.

**ARTICLE 3.
AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement may be amended by joint agreement between the Parties hereto by means of a supplemental agreement.

**ARTICLE 4.
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT**

Article 4.1.

This Agreement shall become effective once signed by an authorized representative of each Party, both of which are parties to this Agreement.

Article 4.2.

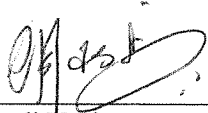
This Agreement shall be valid for a year and thereafter shall automatically renew for intervals of one year unless either party unilaterally provides notice of termination at least two months prior to the then current termination date.

**ARTICLE 5.
PERFORMANCE**

The authorized representative of the ILAC and the authorized representative of the ILS hereby agree to use their best efforts to facilitate the enactment and administration of the provisions set forth in this Agreement, without prejudice to their power to delegate their responsibilities to any members of their respective institutions.

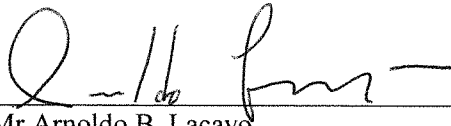
In Hong Kong, on 23 May 2019

On behalf of the International Legal Affairs Committee of The Law Society of Hong Kong:



Mr Amirali Nasir
Chairman

On behalf of The Florida Bar International Law Section:



Mr Arnoldo B. Lacayo
Immediate Past Chair