#### **AGREEMENT**

By and Between,

THE BUDAPEST BAR ASSOCIATION

Represented by The Budapest Liaison, Daniel Visoiu

and

THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR ASSOCIATION

Represented by
The International Section CLE Chair,
Tamela Stults Wagner

#### WHEREAS:

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association and the Budapest 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:

- (A) to enable members of both Bar Associations to enjoy ideal arrangements for becoming acquainted with the ever more complex and varied legal relations arising through the economic bonds between the two countries and the social relationships arising between their citizens;
- (B) 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;

- (A) to foster the free circulation of lawyers, facilitating the exercise of the procession 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 lawyer;
- (B) to facilitate relations between the two Institutions, particularly through the reciprocal provision of information on matters relating to ethics, professional demonology, the fundamental rules of the procession, organization and professional training;

- (C) to foster personal and professional contact between members of the two Bar Associations on a long-term basis;
- (D) 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 I. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

## Article 1.1

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association and the Budapest 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 Budapest Bar 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 laws related missions organized by consular institutions or other bodies when these relate to Budapest or Florida.

### Article 1.6

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association and the Budapest 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 asa if they were members of their own Association, especially as regards compliance with regulations.

# ARTICLE II. COURSES ON THEORY AND PRACTICE

### Article 2.1

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association is serving to coordinate a programme in order to welcome young lawyers from the Budapest Bar Asociation who are competent in the use of the English language and who wish to acquaint themselves with, or deepen their knowlege 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 Budapest Bar Association undertakes to give the same commitment with respect to young American lawyers.

### Article 2.2

The above provisions shall be performed by these Institutions that are parties to this Agreement. The two Bar Association 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 Institutions.

# ARTICLE III. 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 IV. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT

## Article 4.1

This Agreement is drawn up in the Hungarian and English languages, both two versions having equal validity.

This Agreement shall become effective as on the seventeenth day of January, two thousand three, provided that it has been ratified by the Boards of both Institutions that are parties hereto.

ARTICLE V. PERFORMANCE

Responsibility for the performance of this Agreement falls to the then President of Budapest 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 Boards.

## FINAL PROVISIONS

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 Florida, on the seventeenth day of January, two thousand three.

DANIEL VISIOU Liason for the Budapest Bar TAMELA STULTS WAGNER CLE Chair for the International Section of the Florida Bar