

AGREEMENT

By and between

OECS BAR ASSOCIATION

Represented by

Nicole Sylvester, Secretary of the OECS Bar Association

and

THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION
OF THE FLORIDA BAR

Represented by

its Secretary,

Edward H. Davis, Jr.

WHEREAS:

The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (“OECS”) Bar Association is an Umbrella Organization for the 9 Bar Associations of the OECS, which comprise Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The International Law Section of The Florida Bar and the OECS Bar Association (the “Institutions”) wish to assist in promoting and expanding the numerous existing ties between the various States represented in the OECS, the State of Florida, their citizens, and particularly between the members of the two Institutions and their clients. In addition, the two Institutions moved by a common concern over the future of the legal profession, deem it desirable to establish close links between the two Institutions in response to certain common needs, specifically:

- To enable members of both Institutions to become acquainted with the ever more complex and varied legal relationships arising through the economic and social bonds between the OECS and Florida and their citizens;
- To improve the service provided for legal-service users under the laws of Florida and the United States of America and the laws of the OECS member States through enhanced reciprocal acquaintance with the legal and judicial systems of the States;
- To foster cooperation between the lawyers of both Institutions, enabling member participation in the other Institution’s meetings and programs, particularly in the area of professional training;

- To facilitate relationships between the two Institutions, particularly through the reciprocal provision of information on matters relating to professional ethics and professional training, particularly in areas which will assist each Institution's members and their clients to understand the laws and legal systems of the other Institution's State and countries;
- To foster personal and professional contact between members of the two Institutions on a long-term basis;
- To enable common stances or initiatives to be formed on matters relating to 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 The Florida Bar and OECS Bar Association shall organize meetings from time to time between delegations of their respective members to exchange points of view and information relating chiefly to legal practice, the professional rights and responsibilities of lawyers and their professional organization, and substantive legal areas which will assist the lawyers and their clients to understand better the laws and legal system of the other Institution's State and countries.

These Institutions, through their representatives, shall jointly decide how often these meetings are to be held and the subject matter of such meetings.

ARTICLE 1.2

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

ARTICLE 1.3

Both Institutions endeavor to inform each other of significant new provisions pertaining to the law and its interpretation that come into force in their respective State and countries. Such exchanges shall occur through the educational programs referenced below.

ARTICLE 1.4

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

ARTICLE 1.5

Both Institutions shall exchange the information necessary to enable them to inform their members on the conditions, restrictions and requirements of establishing themselves as Foreign Legal Consultants in the other State or countries, particularly regarding the professional and ethical standards prevailing in the host State or country. Both Institutions shall endeavor to assist the members of the other Institution, to become affiliated members of the other Institution, subject to compliance with the requirements for affiliated membership in the International Section of The Florida Bar, including payment of appropriate fees.

ARTICLE 1.6

Both Institutions shall disseminate information regarding this Agreement to their members and invite comments and suggestions of their members for exchange between the Institutions.

ARTICLE 2 - COURSES ON THEORY AND PRACTICE

ARTICLE 2.1

The International Law Section of The Florida Bar conducts various legal programs. It solicits and welcomes the suggestions of members of the OECS Bar Association for its legal programs. The International Law Section of the Florida Bar encourages all members of the OECS Bar Association who become affiliates of the International Law Section of The Florida Bar to attend the International Law Section's seminars. The International Law Section of The Florida Bar also requests OECS Bar Association to consider a bi-annual program focused on facilitating business between the citizens of the States of the OECS and Florida.

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 addendum. 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 English language.

This Agreement shall become effective as on the 1st day of October, 2005, provided that it has been ratified by the governing bodies of both Institutions that are parties hereto.

ARTICLE 5 - PERFORMANCE

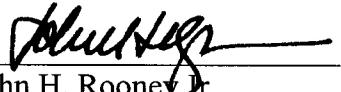
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Responsibility for the performance of this Agreement falls to the President of the OECS Bar Association and to the Chairman of the International Law Section of The Florida Bar without prejudice to their power to delegate their responsibilities to any of the members of their respective Institutions.

In BVI-Tortolan the 17th day of September, 2005



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