

AGREEMENT

By and between,

ORDEM DOS ADVOGADOS DO BRASIL-SECÇÃO de SÃO PAULO

**represented by
its President, Dr. Guido Antonio Andrade**

and

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

**represented by
its Chair,
Russell E. Carlisle**

WHEREAS:

On March 26, 1992, The State of São Paulo, Brazil and the State of Florida, United States of America, established a Sister State Cooperative Committee to promote business, professional and cultural exchanges between the two states. Since the signing of the accord, the two states have witnessed an increase in the business, educational and cultural exchanges between their citizens.

In the Spring of 1995, the lawyer members of the Metropolitan Dade County-São Paulo Sister Cities Program contacted the President of the Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil--Secção de São Paulo to determine the interest of the members of that Institution in promoting a cooperative professional relationship between its members and the lawyers of The Florida Bar. The enthusiastic reaction expressed by the President was matched by that of the Chairman and members of the International Section of The Florida Bar as well as those Brazilian lawyers working in the State of Florida as certified Foreign Legal Consultants.

The International Law Section of The Florida Bar and Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil--Secção de São Paulo wish to assist in promoting and expanding the numerous existing ties between the two states and their citizens for the benefit of the two states and their citizens, 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 two states 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 Federative Republic of Brazil through enhanced reciprocal acquaintance with the legal and judicial systems of the two 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 country;
- 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 Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil-- Seção de São Paulo shall organize meetings from time to time between delegations of their respective members to exchange points of view and information relating chiefly to the 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 country.

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 country. Such exchanges shall occur through the educational programs referenced below.

ARTICLE 1.4

With the assistance of each state's lawyer representative on the São Paulo-Florida Sister State Cooperative Committee and the lawyer members of the Metropolitan Dade County-São Paulo Sister Cities Committee, both Institutions undertake to exchange information on all business or law related missions organized by consular institutions or other bodies when these relate to São Paulo, Florida and their respective cities.

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, particularly regarding the professional and ethical standards prevailing in the host state. 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 a program entitled "Doing Business in Latin America". It solicits and welcomes the suggestions of members of Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil--Secção de São Paulo for the program. It encourages all members of Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil--Secção de São Paulo 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 Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil--Secção de São Paulo to consider a bi-annual program focused on facilitating business between the citizens of the States of São Paulo 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 Portuguese and English languages, both versions having equal validity.

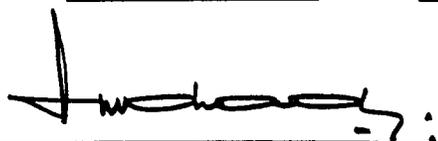
This Agreement shall become effective as on the _____ day of _____, 199__, provided that it has been ratified by the governing bodies of both Institutions that are parties hereto.

**ARTICLE 5
PERFORMANCE**

ARTICLE 5.1

Responsibility for the performance of this Agreement falls to the President of Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil--Secção de São Paulo 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.

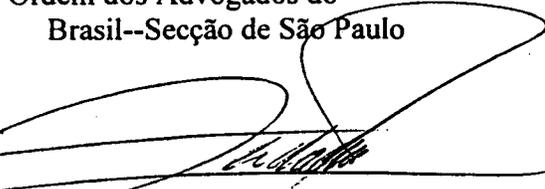
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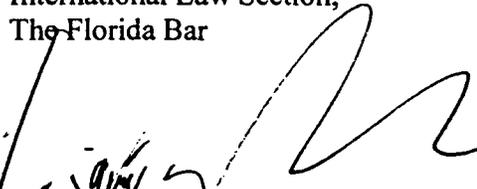
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