

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between:

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar, having offices at 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, herein acting and represented by its Chair, Robert J. Becerra, duly authorized by a resolution of the Executive Council of the International Law Section of Florida Bar adopted on March 11, 2021;

AND

The **Barreau de Québec**, having offices at 300 boulevard Jean-Lesage, RC-21, Quebec City, Quebec, G1K 8K6, herein acting and represented by its Bâtonniere, Caroline Gagnon, duly authorized by a resolution of the Quebec City Bar council adopted on _____, ____;

hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS

Both Parties seek to offer their members opportunities to develop their practice and their relationships with other lawyers abroad;

The Parties express common concerns and interests with regard to the practice of law, legislation, and significant links between the province of Quebec and the state of Florida;

The Parties wish to formally acknowledge their desire to develop and maintain professional relationships for the benefit of their members and the public.

1. PURPOSE

The Parties agree as follows:

- 1.1 The Parties will develop and promote activities for the purposes of:
- (a) Exchanging legal knowledge in certain fields of law;
 - (b) Exchanging information concerning the legal system of each Party;
 - (c) Promoting discussion and professional visits concerning legal matters of common interest;
 - (d) Promoting the organization of meetings such as seminars, conferences, training, and other activities in both Florida and Quebec.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1 In pursuit of the abovementioned objectives, each Party agrees to assume its own expenses incurred as a result of its participation in jointly organized events unless a prior written agreement to the contrary is reached.
- 2.2 The Parties agree that their members will be able to take part in their respective activities and programs at the same cost as their respective members.
- 2.3 The Parties agree to keep each other informed of their respective annual activities and promote them among their members.
- 2.4 After having the opportunity to approve the promotional material involved, each Party will, by email, provide the other Party with its consent for such Party to use its logos and other brand elements for the purposes of promoting joint events organized under the terms of this agreement. The Parties agree to protect their respective logos and other brand elements and prevent any unauthorized use of them.

3. COORDINATION

- 3.1 Any notices or correspondence between the Parties must be directed to the places of business of the Chair of the International Section of the Florida Bar and the Directrice generale of the Barreau de Québec, respectively, and must be served by an appropriate means of communication, preferably by email.
- 3.2 This Cooperation Agreement may be modified by the Parties by means of a written amendment signed by the Chair and Bâtonniere then holding office.

4. TERMINATION

- 4.1. This Cooperation Agreement may be terminated at any time by means of a written notice addressed to either the Chair or Bâtonniere holding office.
- 4.2. This Cooperation Agreement is not exclusive and does not prevent the Parties from signing other agreements with other bar associations or organizations.

S. ENTRY INTO FORCE

- 5.2 This Cooperation Agreement is written in English and French. Neither version has precedence over the other, each having equal value.
- 5.3 This Cooperation Agreement will take effect on the date of the last signature.

In witness whereof, the Parties, acting through their duly authorized representatives, signed in triplicate:

This Cooperation Agreement was negotiated prior to the advent of the COVID-19 Pandemic and concluded and executed as of this 11th day of March, 2021 by the Chair of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar, Robert J. Becerra.

/s/ Robert J. Becerra

Robert J. Becerra, Chair

The International Law Section of the Florida Bar

in _____ on _____ 2021

Caroline Gagnon, Bâtonniere
Barreau de Québec