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Biennial IBA Latin American Regional Forum Conference

Latin America: challenges and developments in a time of opportunities

14–16 March 2012, Bogota, Colombia

Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship

The Latin American Regional Forum of the International Bar Association (IBA), the world's largest organisation of Law Societies, Bar Associations and individual lawyers engaged in transnational law, will hold its Biennial Conference in Bogota, Colombia from 14–16 March 2012.

Lawyers from the region and general counsel from leading companies in Latin America will discuss the challenges of practising law in difficult times and environments, where the balance between the preservation of existing investments and the encouragement of new ones must be established.

Background – Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship

Rogelio, a very enthusiastic member of the Latin American Regional Forum, passed away in June 2009. He served as Chair of the forum from 2003–4 and formed part of the generation of Latin lawyers who, over the past 15 years, have been most supportive in promoting the IBA throughout the Latin American region – resulting in the creation of the Latin American Regional Forum itself. Rogelio undertook the enormous task of organising, with great success, the 5th Regional Conference which took place in Panama City, in March 2004. He also worked with Jack Batievsky in the organisation of the Cuzco Regional Conference. A very good friend to many of us at the IBA, Rogelio was a leading corporate tax lawyer in Panama. Under his leadership and after, Rogelio put a lot of effort into the development and proliferation of the successful activities of the IBA throughout the region, including the Tax Committee.

The scholarship will cover accommodation and travel costs, as well as the cost of registration for the Conference.

Those eligible to apply for the scholarship are:

- 35 years or under;
- admitted to practice as a lawyer;
- practicing in a Latin American country; and
- fluent in both written and spoken English.

The application must be accompanied by a 8,000-9,000 word paper in English on the following topic:

- Investment in Infrastructure. The way of Latin America towards development.

Investment in infrastructure has fallen in the past years in Latin America and infrastructure services are lagging behind those in Asia, middle east and China. This reduction in investment in infrastructure has been seen as one of the main factors slowing Latin America's economic growth. This paper shall focus on the regulatory measures that have been adopted in different countries in order to foster investment in infrastructure.

Applications will be reviewed and the winner will be decided by a jury appointed by the Latin American Forum Officers.

It is mandatory that the paper be submitted under a pen name with no other identification. The applicant's article will be submitted by the IBA Latin America Office to the jury with no identification of the author other than his pseudonym. The names of the jury members will not be disclosed until the finalist has been chosen. All the details of the applicant required in the Application Form will be kept confidential by the IBA Office until the scholarship has been granted.

The successful candidate will be required to submit a report on the conference to the IBA which will be published on the IBA website.

The paper submitted by the winning candidate will be published in the IBA Latin American Regional Forum newsletter and on its webpage. Also in the electronic version of the Latin Lawyer and the winner will be mentioned in the Latin Lawyer briefing.

The Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship is kindly sponsored by Arias, Fábrega & Fábrega where Rogelio was partner from 1990–2009.

Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship Application Form

Personal details

Please type or complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Each question must be answered in detail *continuing on a separate sheet if necessary*

Family name _____

First name _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Nationality _____

Firm details

Name of firm _____

Position within firm _____ Date of joining firm _____

Address of firm _____

Street _____

City _____ Postal/Zip code _____

Tel _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address for correspondence

(if different from above)

Street _____

City _____ Postal/Zip code _____

Tel _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Education

Particulars of University education, including dates

Practice

Years of Practice _____

Areas of Practice _____

Countries admitted to practice _____

Other previous legal experience _____

Offices held with any national/local professional law association _____

Continued overleaf

Language

Language (if English is not your mother tongue, *a certificate of proficiency must be attached*)

Level of fluency in English ☐ Fluent ☐ Good ☐ Working knowledge

Do you speak any other foreign language? _____

Other

Are you a member of the IBA? ☐ No ☐ Yes Membership n° _____

Have you attended any other IBA Conference? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, where and when? _____

Please specify details of any previous scholarships and/or prizes awarded and details of time spent studying/working abroad.

Reference

We may seek a reference (eg from a senior member of your firm, professor or other equivalent). Please supply name and address details

Name and position _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal/Zip code _____

Tel _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Confirmation

Please provide a paper of 8,000-9,000 words on:

- ☐ Investment in Infrastructure. The way of Latin America towards development.

Please also include a brief statement (no more than 250 words) on why you wish to attend the Conference and in what way, your participation will enhance your practice.

I enclose:

- ☐ Confirmation letter from national/local Bar Association
☐ Certificate of proficiency in English
☐ Statement why you wish to attend the Conference

Signed _____ Date _____