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The University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College, through its Center for Governmental Responsibility, refocused its Latin American activities (which date from 1971)¹ during the 1999-2000 academic year. Our goal was to create an enhanced academic experience for our J.D. and LL.M. students. The legal profession is undergoing a dramatic shift as a result of increasing economic globalization. In the future, our students' legal experiences will be filled with international components and, given our proximity to and connection with Latin America, we expect their international practice to focus substantially on that region.

Goals of the Program

1. Establish a working alliance of leading law schools in the Americas.
2. Provide unique educational opportunities for students in Florida and Latin America.
3. Develop and sustain research collaborations among the law schools.
4. Create a cadre of legal experts throughout the Americas who are available to respond to international issues.
5. Initiate an ongoing dialogue among legal professionals, law professors, government officials, and public servants to assist in resolving problems and challenges that arise among the nations of the Americas.
6. Provide a vehicle for shared research and resources in the global community.

Thank you for participating in the Levin College of Law's inaugural conference on "Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas." The agenda for this prestigious conference has been designed by a committee of faculty from the College of Law, College of Business, and Center for Latin American Studies, as well as international legal practitioners from throughout the United States. We appreciate your joining us.

Jon Mills, Interim Dean & Director,
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¹Latin American activities of the Levin College of Law previously included the countries of Haiti, Brazil, Bolivia, the Tropical Andes (Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador), Central America (Belize, Guatemala, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador), Mexico, and Cuba.

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- 8 a.m. Registration
- 8:15 a.m. Welcome -- Jon Mills, Interim Dean & Director,
Center for Governmental Responsibility
University of Florida Levin College of Law
- 8:20 a.m. *Florida's Role as Part of the Americas*
Katherine Harris, Florida Secretary of State
- 8:40 a.m. *Corruption, Transparency and Rule of Law*
Kenneth H. (Buddy) MacKay, Special Envoy for the Americas,
Executive Office of the President of the United States
- 9:20 a.m. *Rule of Law in Bolivia*
His Excellency Jorge Quiroga Ramirez
Vice President, Republic of Bolivia, & President of Congress
- 9:50 a.m. *Alternatives to the Regular Courts - Mediation, Arbitration,
Constitutional Courts and Binational Dispute Panels*
Michael W. Gordon, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law,
University of Florida Levin College of Law
Maria Luisa Beltranena de Padilla, Professor and Director of the
Private Law Area and of the Investigation Seminar in Private
and Commercial Law, Universidad Francisco Marroquin,
Guatemala
Leonel Pereznieta Castro, Professor of Law, National University of
Mexico, and Professor of Antitrust Law and of International
Commercial Arbitration, Instituto Tecnologica Automono de
Mexico
Maritza McCormack, Legal assessor, Rural Professorship, University
of Havana, Group Analysis of Alimentation Plan, Havana,
Cuba
Berta E. Hernandez-Truyol, Professor of Law, University of Florida
Levin College of Law

11:20 a.m. ***Regional Trade Agreements and the WTO in the Americas: New Issues as the Pace of Economic Integration Quickens***

Stephen J. Powell, Director of International Trade Programs,
University of Florida Levin College of Law, and former Chief
Counsel for Import Administration, U.S. Department of
Commerce

Peter Allgeier, Associate U.S. Trade Representative for the Western
Hemisphere and lead U.S. FTAA negotiator

Adrian Makuc, Director of Division of Foreign Trade Policy
in Argentina's Ministry of the Economy

Eduardo Solís Sánchez, Chief, Office of Commercial Negotiations

with

Latin America, Market Access and ALCA, and Office of
Commerce and Industrial Promotion, Mexico City

Shannon Herzfeld, Senior Vice President of International Affairs of
the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America,
Washington, D.C.

Thomas Andrew O'Keefe, President of Mercosur Consulting Group,
Ltd., Washington, D.C.

1 p.m. Luncheon

Building an International Consensus on Trade

Congresswoman Karen L. Thurman, Fifth Congressional District of
Florida

2:30 p.m. ***International Financial Crimes in the Americas***

Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr., Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law &
Director, Center for International Financial Crimes Studies,
University of Florida Levin College of Law

Peter D. Maynard, President, Bahamas Bar Association & President,
Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Association, &
Peter D. Maynard & Col, Counsel & Attorneys, Nassau

George Millard, Director of Police, São Paulo, Brazil, & Professor,
Civil Police Academy, State of São Paulo

Dr. Jaime Ospina-Velasco, Founding Member, Ospina, Oviedo &
Associados Ltda., and former President of Colombian Banking
Association's Risk Administration Committee, Bogota,
Colombia

4 p.m.

The Role of Law Schools in the Development of Inter-American Relations and the Rule of Law, a discussion by law school deans from the Americas

Topics:

- 1. Role of Law Schools in Law Reform in the Americas*
- 2. Current and Future Relationships Between Law Schools*
- 3. Preparing Students for Hemispheric Integration*

Jon L. Mills, Interim Dean, Professor of Law, and Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Maria Antonieta Sáenz, Dean of the College of Law, University of Costa Rica

Daniela Trejos Vargas, Professor of Private International Law, School of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-RIO), Brazil

5:30 p.m.

Identifying Targeted Issues for Future Conferences and Developing Opportunities for Future Collaborations

Dean Mills, Presiding

Conference Presenters

Peter F. Allgeier

Peter F. Allgeier is the Associate U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere, in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). USTR is part of the Executive Office of the President. As Associate USTR, he is responsible for supervising U.S. trade negotiations with Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico, and Canada, which include the negotiation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), as well as bilateral issues. During his career at USTR, he has conducted major negotiations with countries throughout Asia, Europe (including the former Soviet Union), the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as multilateral negotiations in the United Nations and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). These negotiations have included: elimination/reduction of foreign tariffs and non-tariff barriers on U.S. goods and services; bilateral investment treaties; improvements in foreign laws governing patents, trademarks and copyrights; government procurement; the establishment of orderly marketing arrangements; removal of foreign export subsidies; and treaties normalizing U.S. trade and investment relations with the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In 1988 President Reagan presented him with the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, which is the highest performance honor bestowed on career federal officials.

Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr.

Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr., is the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law, and Director, Centre for International Financial Crimes Studies at the University of Florida Levin College of Law; Director, Montpellier University Summer Program in Law, Montpellier, France, and Honorary Fellow, Centre of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London. He has taught at Makerere University in Uganda, Baylor University, Escuela Libre De Derecho in Mexico City, the Cambridge-Warsaw Program at Trinity College in England, the University of Lodz, Poland, and the American Bar Association OPAL Program at Princeton and Brown Universities. He has been a delegate to the Conference on Human Rights, Kiev State University, Ukraine, a Visiting Lecturer, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and CEELI Legal Specialist, and Advisor to the Parliament and the Constitutional Court Kiev, Ukraine. He was speaker and delegate at the Eleventh through Seventeenth International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge, England. He is co-Founder and Lecturer, Center for Human Rights and Peace, Makerere University, Kampala,

Uganda. He has written several books and articles, including: Money Laundering Asset Forfeiture and International Financial Crimes, Five Volumes (1993-2000)(Oceana Press, N.Y.) (Co-authored) and Cybercrime and Security, 3 Volumes (2000) (Oceana Press, N.Y.)(co-authored). His active practice is limited to Constitutional Law.

Maria Luisa Beltranena de Padilla

Maria Luisa Beltranena de Padilla is Professor and Director of the Private Law Area and of the Investigation Seminar in Private and Commercial Law in Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala City, Guatemala. She also serves as a Permanent Member of the Law Faculty and Member of the Faculty of Post Grade Studies of Universidad Francisco Marroquin. Previously, she served as Vice Rector, Dean of the Law School, and Director of the Popular Law Office of the University Rafael Landivar in Guatemala City. She also was President of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, Judge of the Supreme Electoral Court, and Minister of Education, all in Guatemala.

Leonel Pereznieto Castro

Leonel Pereznieto Castro is a Professor of Law (private international law) at the National University of Mexico, Professor of Antitrust Law and of International Commercial Arbitration at Instituto Tecnológica Autonomo de Mexico, and National Researcher, level 3, designated by the Mexican Council for Sciences and Technology. He is founder of the Post-grade School at the Law School of Sonora (Mexico) and member of the Academic Board. He also is founder and coordinator of the National Seminar of Private International Law and Comparative Law (23rd edition). Professor Castro is the author of eight books and 50 articles on private international law, international trade law, and comparative law. He has been a guest professor at the Hague International law Academy, Fulbright Scholar at the University of California-Davis and guest professor at the University of Valencia, Spain. He is of counsel of Von Wobeser & Sierra, S.C., Mexico City. He is former chairman and co-founder of the Mexican Association on Mediation and International Commercial Arbitration.

Michael W. Gordon

Michael Wallace Gordon is the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law at the University of Florida, where he has taught since 1968. He has held the Centennial Professorship at the London School of Economics, the James S. Stone Chair at Alabama, the Alverson Chair at George Washington, and also has been a visiting professor at Duke, K onstanz, Frankfurt, Escuela Libre de Derecho (Mexico),

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, and King's College (London). He has lectured in the United States for the Council on Foreign Relations and abroad for the Department of State. Professor Gordon has consulted for ten foreign governments, held Fulbright professorships in Mexico, Guatemala and Germany, and has been a Scholar in Residence at Bellagio. He has authored or co-authored more than thirty books and numerous chapters and articles. His books are principally on international business law, comparative law, Mexican law, and on the NAFTA. Professor Gordon was appointed by the Clinton administration to the dispute resolution panels of both the World Trade Organization and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Katherine Harris

Katherine Harris, a fourth-generation Floridian, is Florida's 23rd Secretary of State. Prior to her election, she served four years in the Florida Senate, where she was chairman of the Senate's Commerce and Economic Development Committee. During her Senate tenure, Secretary Harris earned a reputation as a champion of economic development, a proponent of Florida's emerging international leadership, and as an advocate of the arts. As head of the Department of State, she oversees Florida's international relations, cultural programs, libraries, museums, elections process and corporate registration system. She is a former IBM marketing executive and vice president of a commercial real estate firm. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in history from Agnes Scott College and a Master's Degree from Harvard University with a specialization in international trade and negotiations.

Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol

Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol is a Professor of Law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Her areas of expertise are International Law, International Human Rights, and Issues of Race, Gender, and Culture in the Law. She has taught at St. John's University School, where she was Director of the International Women's Human Rights Project of the Center for Law and Public Policy; Georgetown University Law Center; The University of New Mexico School of Law; and DePaul University College of Law. During her sabbaticals, she was an Honorary Senior Fellow at the Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin School of Law. Professor Hernandez-Truyol is widely published in law reviews and books in the areas of human rights. Her writing focuses on culture, race, gender, and language. She is currently working on a book, "Moral Imperialism, A Critical Anthology," to be published by NYU Press. Prior to her teaching career, she worked in the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and

in the private practice of law in New York City. She is a member of numerous bar and professional associations and has been active in the AALS, the ABA, and the ASIL in which she serves on the Executive Committee.

Shannon S.S. Herzfeld

Shannon S.S. Herzfeld is Senior Vice President of International Affairs of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which she joined in January 1998. Previously, she was one of two non-lawyer partners with the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., with the responsibility to craft strategies to mitigate the effects of government regulatory activities on the commercial activities of clients. In 1982, Mrs. Herzfeld founded and headed the international trade litigation group of Coopers & Lybrand's Washington, D.C. office. From 1979 to 1982 she was an international economist and policy staff member with the office of Import Administration at the Department of Commerce, from 1975 to 1976 she was an Inspector with the U.S. Customs Service, and held various research assistantships in international economic theory and international business law at the Tufts University.

Kenneth H. (Buddy) MacKay, Jr.

Kenneth H. (Buddy) MacKay, Jr., serves in the Executive Office of the President of the United States as Special Envoy for the Americas. President William J. Clinton appointed Governor MacKay to the post on March 4, 1999. President Clinton created the position of Special Envoy for the Americas due to his recognition of the vital, unique and evolving importance of the relationship of the United States of America with the thirty-three other democratic nations in the Western Hemisphere. Governor MacKay is only the second person to serve in this capacity.

As Special Envoy for the Americas, Governor MacKay advises the President and Vice President on hemispheric issues and concerns and works to advance Administration policies. Since his arrival at the White House, Governor MacKay has traveled to twenty-three countries in the Americas and fifteen cities in the United States, working to promote hemispheric integration and improve understanding of issues such as the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Caribbean Basin Initiative, strengthening democracies, hemispheric security, and human rights, among other issues.

Governor MacKay previously served as Lieutenant Governor of Florida from 1990 through 1998, and became Governor of Florida upon the death of Governor Lawton Chiles. He served three terms in the U.S. House of

Representatives.

Adrián Makuc

Adrián Makuc holds a degree in Political Economics from the University of Buenos Aires, with a specialty in International Economic Relationships and Trade Policy. He has worked both in public administration and in the private sector. Since February, 1998, he has been in charge of the Division of Foreign Trade Policy in Argentina's Ministry of the Economy, where he is responsible for trade negotiations at the bilateral, regional, and multilateral level. The Division deals with MERCOSUR, ALADI (Latin American Integration Association), FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas), and WTO matters.

Peter D. Maynard

Dr. Peter D. Maynard is the President of the Bahamas Bar Association, President of the Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations and the senior attorney in the law firm of Peter D. Maynard & Co., which deals with civil litigation, general law and commercial law fields, such as banking and trusts. In 1974 he was an economist at the United Nations, New York, and later a Guest Scholar at the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. He also lectured in law at the Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, and taught at the College of the Bahamas. He has written widely on money laundering, banking, trusts, companies, investment law, insurance, commercial law and international law. He formerly was Legal Advisor, Bahamas Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Counselor, Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the United Nations; and Acting Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate. He presently is Contributing Editor for *The Company Lawyer*, *Journal of Financial Crime*, *Journal of Money Laundering Control*, *Amicus Curiae* and *International Journal of Banking* of the United Kingdom and also *Caribbean Law and Business*.

Maritza de la Coridad McCormack

Maritza McCormack is a Legal Assessor, Rural Professorship, University of Havana, Group Analysis of Alimentation Plan. Her professional experience is in agrarian rights, notarial rights, environmental rights, property rights, and rights of succession. She has served as legal assessor in the MINAGRI, in practice in the Popular Municipal Tribunal of the Hill, and as an attorney in the Collective Plaza Office. She also has been Vice President, Cuban Society of Agrarian Rights; Vice President, National Commission of Agrarian Superaction; member, World Union of University Agrarians; and Coordinator of the Cuban Occidental Regional for the first Diploma of Agrarian Rights. Her research includes topics of judicial

regulation of the study of civil rights; validations of the Cuban Civil Code in coordination with MINJUS and the University of Havana; medical rights; codification of agrarian rights in Cuba; environmental rights (Economic Rights Department, CIDMA and PNUMA); and mediation in agrarian conflicts. She has been a presenter at various international conferences, including the “First International Symposium on Environmental Teaching,” “Second Workshop on Intellectual Property and Commerce,” “Environmental Rights for Peace (Guatemalan International Event),” and “Second Ibero-American Congress on Agrarian Rights and Third European Congress of Agrarian Rights.”

George H. Millard

George H. Millard is Police Chief, São Paulo Police, and Professor, Civil Police Academy, State of São Paulo. He formerly was Director of the Narcotics Department of the São Paulo State Police and Assistant Director, Internal Affairs and Head of the Tax Fraud Division. He is advisor for the Board, International Association, Asian Crimes Investigators, Center for Financial Crimes Studies at the University of Florida, and Lecturer for the Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crimes, England.

Jon L. Mills

Jon Mills became the Interim Dean of the Fredric G. Levin College of Law on September 1, 1999. He is a Professor of Law and Founding Director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility at the Levin College of Law. He has directed major studies on environmental and constitutional issues, including projects in Brazil, Poland, Haiti and Central America. He has taught International Trade and Environmental Law, Legislation, and Constitutional Law. Dean Mills is a former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. He is the author of numerous books, law review articles and contract reports on constitutional and environmental issues. He has appeared in federal courts and the Florida Supreme Court on issues including voting rights and various constitutional issues. Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the 1997-98 Constitutional Revision Commission and he served as Chairman of its Style and Drafting Committee and its Public Education Committee. Fellow Commissioners named him the most valuable member of the Commission.

Thomas Andrew O’Keefe

Thomas Andrew O’Keefe is President of Mercosur Consulting Group, Ltd., a legal and economic consulting firm in Washington, D.C., which assists companies with strategic business planning for South America. A dual national of

the United States and Chile, previously he worked for the legal departments of the Chilean Human Rights Commission and the Vicaria de la Solidaridad (the human rights office of the Archdiocese of Santiago). He also worked as an associate at the Wall Street law firm of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn and the Boston-based Gadsby & Hannah before returning to study at the University of Oxford, where he received an M.Phil. in Latin American Studies. He teaches courses on Western Hemisphere economic integration at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies and at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. His new book, *Latin American Trade Agreements*, is the only comprehensive publication in English which discusses the major Latin American economic integration projects from a practical perspective and addresses related issues such as foreign investment laws, tax and labor regulations, and legislation designed to protect intellectual property rights.

Jaime Ospina-Velasco

Jaime Ospina-Velasco is a lawyer, with more than thirty years of experience in the Colombian Banking Sector. He is founding member of Ospina, Oviedo & Asociados Ltda., leading Colombian consulting firm, specializing in money laundering issues. He has been President of ASOBANCARIAS's (Colombian Banking Association) Risk Administration Committee, and as such, he has been a member of the Committee Against Asset Laundering of FELABAN (Latin American Federation of Banks). He acts as Coordinator of the BID-CICAD-OAS Program on the best practices to the prevention and detection of money laundering in five selected Latin American countries. He is a well-known advisor and consultant within the Colombian banking sector and abroad. He has been part of ASOBANCRIA's Group of Experts on asset laundering issues which regularly handles these topics with officials of the U.S. Departments of State, Justice and Treasury, the OAS/CICAD, the IBD. Ospina-Velasco has participated as a lecturer in national and international events regarding topics of prevention, control and fight against money laundering in Colombia, the United States, Panama, El Salvador, Peru, Brazil, Spain, Aruba and Curacao. He has published several papers on money laundering, financial crimes, corruption and other related topics.

Stephen J. Powell

Stephen J. Powell is Director of International Trade Programs at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he administers the College's present international trade and business programs and develops new academic and professional programs in the trade field. Prior to his appointment in January, 2000, he was for seventeen years the Chief Counsel for Import Administration in the U.S.

Department of Commerce, the agency responsible for the two most important laws providing relief against unfairly traded imports, the antidumping and countervailing duty laws. He also has served as Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and as NOAA's Western Regional Counsel in Seattle. He began his legal career as a Captain with the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General. He has negotiated a number of treaties and executive agreements to discipline government subsidization and unfair private pricing practices, including the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico. He also served as lead U.S. negotiator in Free Trade Area of the Americas talks on subsidies and dumping and has traveled extensively in furtherance of U.S. interest in the elimination of unfair trading practices and the opening of foreign markets. He is an expert on the trade laws of the principal U.S. markets overseas and co-chairs the International Trade Committee of the ABA's International Law Section.

Jorge Quiroga Ramirez

Honorable Jorge Quiroga Ramirez is the Vice President of the Republic of Bolivia and President of Congress. He previously served as Assistant Chief for the Nationalist Democratic Action; Vice President of Projects and Investments, Mercantil Bank of Bolivia; Consultant for the Presidency of the Andean Corporation of Development; National Campaign Chief for General Hugo Banzer Suárez, candidate for the Presidency of the Republic of Bolivia; Minister of Finance; and Undersecretary for Public Investment and International Cooperation in the Bolivian Ministry of Planning. He was principal negotiator for the reduction of bilateral debt with the United States; principal negotiator of the Structural Reform Program for the financial sector and public businesses; member of the delegation which assisted Ecuador in negotiating and preparing the Cartagena II Summit between Andean representatives and the United States; and Economic adviser to the Chancellor of the Republic of Bolivia. He conducted bilateral negotiations with the United States as member of the Presidential Committee to Washington.

Maria Antonieta Sáenz

Maria Antonieta Sáenz is Dean of the College of Law at the University of Costa Rica, a position she has held since 1993. She has been a Full Professor of Civil Rights Process and General Theoretical Process for 23 years and is a Professor of Theoretical Process in Penal Sciences. She is a Substitute Magistrate for the Primary Tribunal of the Supreme Court of Justice and is a Certified Peace Mediator of the University at the United Nations. She authored two books on the

civil rights process and more than 30 articles in reviews specializing in civil rights process, penal rights process, constitutional rights, and subjects on the teaching of civil rights. She also is a collaborator on the Kluwer Law International Encyclopedia.

Eduardo Solís Sánchez

Eduardo Solís Sánchez is Chief of Commercial Negotiations with Latin America, Market Access and Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (ALCA), Office of Commercial and Industrial Promotion, Mexico City. He is Full Professor and Investigator, University of Nueva Leon and Technological Institute of Advanced Studies, Monterrey. As Director General of Agricultural Negotiations, Office of Commerce and Industrial Promotion, he was responsible for negotiation of the Agricultural Chapter of the North American Free Trade Treaty, the Uruguay Roundtable, G3, Mexico-Costa Rica and Mexico-Bolivia. As Chief of the Office of Commercial Negotiations with Latin America, Market Access and ALCA, Office of Commerce and Industrial Promotion, he was responsible for the Free Commercial Treaty that Mexico negotiated with El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Belize, Trinidad and Tobago, and countries belonging to Mercosur; negotiations and pursuit of the ALCA; responsible for Administration of the TLC's which Mexico has in effect with the United States, Canada, Chile, Colombia and Venezuela, Costa Rica, Bolivia and Nicaragua, and signed agreements which Mexico holds in the Latin American Integration Association.

Karen L. Thurman

Congresswoman Karen L. Thurman (D) represents the Fifth Congressional District of Florida, which includes the University of Florida, a seat she has held since 1992. She is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, the sixth woman to serve on the Committee in its 200-year history. She serves on its Health Subcommittee. Previously, she served on both the House Agriculture Committee and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. In 1997 the University of Florida named her one of its 47 Most Outstanding Women graduates. A former mathematics teacher, she served extensively in local government as a mayor and city council member in her hometown of Dunnellon and as a Florida state senator, where she was the first woman to chair the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Daniela Trejos Vargas

Daniela Trejos Vargas is a full-time professor at the School of Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-RIO), Brazil, where she

teaches Private International Law and Property Law/Real Estate. She has been collaborating with the Organization of American States (OAS) since 1993 as the local coordinator of the four-week summer course in International Law of the OAS and Interamerican Juridical Committee. She has been involved in research programs at PUC-RIO in the areas of private international law, specifically with regard to the implementation of international treaties in Brazil, in the fields of human rights, labor law and environmental law.

Special Recognition

Raul E. Valdes-Fauli

Raul E. Valdes-Fauli is Of Counsel in the Miami office of Gunster, Yoakley, Valdes-Fauli & Stewart, P.A., and is a member of the firm's Real Estate Department. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1975 and practiced in civil law in Cuba from 1940-1960.

He has practiced in a Civil Law Jurisdiction for over twenty years and counsels Latin American clients on the differences in legislation. He also practices in the areas of Corporate Law and the purchase, sale and financing of Residential and Commercial Real Estate.

He was educated at the University of Florida, 1975; the University of Havana, 1940; and Belen School, Havana, Bachelor of Arts, 1936.

He holds memberships in the Florida Bar Association, Cuban-American Bar Association, and International Institute of Cuban Lawyers.

The Dade County Bar Association presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for having been admitted to the Bar (Cuba and Florida) for more than fifty years. He has received the following honors and awards: The Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee, 1985; and the Antonio S. Bustamante Award from the Cuban American Union of the University of Notre Dame Law School.

He is involved in numerous charity, religious and civic activities in Dade County.

Plaque Inscription:

The University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law recognizes Raul Valdes-Fauli, representing the many Cuban lawyers who came to Florida seeking the right to freely practice law, who completed a course of study at the University of Florida College of Law, who passed the Florida Bar exam, and who have practiced law in Florida for a quarter of a century, as a reminder of the efforts of lawyers of two nations to work together to assure that adequate legal services are available to all. May 25, 2000. Gainesville, Florida.

International Programs

University of Florida Levin College of Law

The University of Florida Levin College of Law offers an exciting and innovative array of international opportunities to both students and faculty, including:

Certificate in International and Comparative Law. By next year, we expect to offer students the opportunity to obtain a Certificate in International and Comparative Law. Certificate students will take a specialized group of classes, eight additional hours of international course work, and participate in a foreign course of study for at least one summer.

Foreign Exchange Programs for Students. We offer student exchange opportunities with four outstanding institutions: the University of Leiden in the Netherlands; the Johan Wolfgang Goethe Universitat in Frankfurt, Germany; the University of Montpellier in France; and the Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City, Mexico.

Summer Abroad Programs. We offer summer abroad programs in Montpellier, France; Cape Town, South Africa; and San Jose, Costa Rica. All three of these programs are approved by the American Bar Association and are taught jointly by University of Florida faculty and professors from the host country universities.

Foreign Enrichment Courses. The University of Florida was the first American law school to provide J.D. students with an international experience without costly travel through an innovative program of foreign enrichment courses in the regular curriculum. Each semester we invite leading scholars to teach three-week segments of a foreign enrichment course in their area. We have offered a number of interesting courses in the past, including *Comparative Taxation*, *International Environmental Law*, *International Financial Crimes*, and *Legal Issues in Latin America*. We have been fortunate to attract visiting professors from institutions in Belgium, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

LL.M. Program in Comparative Law. We offer an LL.M. in Comparative Law to graduates of foreign law schools who seek to enhance their understanding of the American legal system. LL.M. students with more defined interests may specialize

in International Trade, Environment and Land Use Law, or Taxation. The program builds on decades of involvement by our faculty in international legal issues, including human rights, trade, law revision, and constitutional reform. The program limits enrollment to twenty students annually and provides individualized counseling by the Directors and members of the faculty.

Center for American Law Studies, Warsaw University, Poland. The University of Florida Levin College of Law and Warsaw University jointly sponsor the Center for American Law Studies at Warsaw University, the latest program in a thirty-year relationship with Poland. Annually, nine to ten UF law faculty teach a series of two-week courses in American Law topics to upper division Polish law students. The one-year program culminates in a graduation ceremony, with past speakers who have included Martha Barnett, President-Elect of the American Bar Association, U.S. Ambassador to Poland Daniel Fried, and several Polish dignitaries, including Supreme Court Justices and Cabinet Ministers.

Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas. You are attending the inaugural conference under a recurring grant to explore important legal and policy issues among our countries.

Florida Journal of International Law. For more than ten years, this student-operated journal has published outstanding articles focusing on international business law. This year, the FJIL will publish proceedings from the Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas.

Foreign Exchanges for Faculty. Faculty members at the Levin College of Law broaden their international understanding by participating in exchanges with the Johan Wolfgang Goethe Universitat, Frankfurt, Germany; Escuela Libre de Derecho, Mexico City, Mexico; the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada; and Monash University in Australia.

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