

**12th Annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas
May 9, 2011**

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Monday, May 9

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| 8-8:30 a.m. | Coffee and registration | Holland Hall, Outside Rooms 285A-D |
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| 8:30-10 a.m. | Plenary Session | Room 285B |
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Welcome

Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, Professor of Law, & Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Topic 1: Mediation

Chair: Don Peters, Professor of Law and Director Emeritus, Institute for Dispute Resolution, Levin College of Law at the University of Florida

Elena Highton de Nolasco, Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Gladys Stella Álvarez, Fundación Libra; former Judge of the National Civil Court of Appeals, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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| 10-11:30 a.m. | Plenary Session | Room 285B |
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Topic 2: Judicial Reform in Argentina

Chair: Peter J. Messitte, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, Greenbelt, Maryland

Elena Highton de Nolasco, Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Gladys Stella Álvarez, Fundación Libra; former Judge of the National Civil Court of Appeals, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Elizabeth Jenkins, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Tampa, Florida

Russell Wheeler, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Alberto Dalla Vía, Chief Judge, National Electoral Court, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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| 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Two simultaneous panels |
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Topic 3: Teaching Comparative Law

Location: Room 285B

Chair: Pedro Malavet, Professor; Associate Director, LL.M. in Comparative Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Daniela Vargas, Professor of Law, Vice Dean, PUC-RIO, Brazil

Nicolás Etcheverry Estrázulas, Dean & Professor of Philosophy of Law, Ethics & Rhetoric, Law School, University of Montevideo, Montevideo, Uruguay

Carlos Patrón, Professor of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, Lima, Peru

Monica Pinto, Dean, University of Buenos Aires Law School, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Luis Palma, Cultural Affairs Specialist, U.S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Topic 4: International Tax Issues

Location: Room 285C

Chair: Michael Friel, Associate Dean and Director, Graduate Tax Program, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Ricardo Mihura Estrada, Partner, Leverone & Mihura Estrada, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Yariv Brauner, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Martin J. McMahon, Jr., Stephen C. O'Connell Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

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| 1-2 p.m. | Networking Luncheon | Faculty Dining Room, 1 st Floor, Bruton-Geer Hall |
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| 2-3:30 p.m. | Two simultaneous panels |
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Topic 5: Press, Free Speech and New Media

Location: Room 285B

Chair: Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, Professor of Law, & Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Sandra Chance, UF Professor of Journalism & Communications, Attorney, Director, Brechner Center for Freedom of Information, University of Florida

Julio Munoz, Executive Director, Inter American Press Association, Miami, Florida

Luis Palma, Cultural Affairs Specialist, U.S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Jackie Griffin, Appellate Court Judge, 5th District Court of Appeal, Daytona Beach, Florida

Adrian Ventura, Editor, La Nacion, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fletcher Baldwin, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law and Director, Centre for International Financial Crime Studies, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Topic 6: Trade and Business

Location: Room 285C

Chair: Stephen J. Powell, Director, International Trade Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Adrian Makuc, Professor, Universidad de Tres de Febrero (Untref), Buenos Aires, Argentina

Carlos Patrón, Professor of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, Lima, Peru

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| 3:30-5 p.m. | Two Simultaneous Panels |
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Topic 7: Environment

Location: Room 285B

Chairs: Tim McLendon, Staff Attorney, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law; **Jeff Wade**, Director, Environmental Division, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Robertson Fonseca de Azevedo, State Prosecutor, Ministério Público of State of Paraná, Brazil

Paulo Roberto Pereira de Souza, Doctor of Environmental Law, State University of Maringá, Paraná, and University of Marília, São Paulo, Brazil

Mary Jane Angelo, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Dino Bellorio Clabot, Dean, University of Belgrano Law School

Topic 8: Human Rights

Location: Room 285C

Chairs: **Joan Flocks**, Director, Social Policy Division, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law; **Berta E. Hernández-Truyol**, Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law
Monica Pinto, Dean, University of Buenos Aires Law School, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Christina M. Cerna, Principal Human Rights Specialist, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.; Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University

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| 5-6 p.m. | Closing Plenary Session: Planning for Buenos Aires | Room 285B |
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| 6 p.m. | Adjourn | |
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| 6-7:30 p.m. | Reception | Home of Jon & Beth Mills |
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