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*Special thanks to the students enrolled in the University of Florida/University of Costa Rica Joint Program in Environmental Law for their assistance during the conference.*
Thursday, June 24

4-6 p.m.  **Conference Registration**  
Location: Marriott Picture Area (left of Front Desk Area, 3rd Floor), Marriott Hotel (Must register to attend reception)

6:30 p.m.  **Buses depart Marriott Hotel for Children’s Museum**

7:30-9:30 p.m.  **Reception**, Museo de los Niños (Children’s Museum), San Jose

9:30 p.m.  **Buses depart Children’s Museum for Marriott Hotel**

Friday, June 25

7-9 a.m.  **Conference registration**  
Location: Marriott Picture Area, Marriott Hotel

8 a.m.  **Breakfast for Conference Speakers & Planning Committee**  
Location: La Castilla Terrace, Lobby Level, Marriott Hotel

8:30-10 a.m.  **Opening General Session**  
Location: Juan Vasquez de Coronado Ballroom, Rooms A-D, Marriott Hotel  
Conveners:
- Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Robert H. Jerry, Dean, Levin College of Law
- Rafael Gonzalez Ballar, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Costa Rica
- Yamileth Gonzalez, Rector, University of Costa Rica
- Douglas Barnes, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United States of America, San Jose, Costa Rica
- Hermann L. Faith, Executive Director, Costa Rica-United States Foundation for Cooperation (CR-USA)

“Rule of Law in the Americas” – Discussion of previous conferences and goals for this conference
- Buddy MacKay, Jr., former Special Envoy for the Americas in the Executive Office of the President of the United States; former Florida Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and U.S. Congressman; adjunct Lecturer, Levin College of Law
- Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr., Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law, Director, Centre for International Financial Crimes Studies, Levin College of Law
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• Edward A. Crapo, Past President, International Association of Assessing Officers; Alachua County (Florida) Property Appraiser

10 a.m.  **Brunch for all participants**
Location: Porte-cochere of Juan Vasquez de Coronado Ballroom, Marriott Hotel

11 a.m.  **Buses depart Marriott Hotel for workshop locations**
(Name tag indicates which bus to board)

12-4 p.m.  **Discussion Workshops** [Workshops are simultaneous; each conference participant will attend only ONE workshop]:

1.  **Legal Education & Professionalism**
   Location: *Costa Rican Bar Association*
   • Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, Levin College of Law
   • Rafael González Ballar, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Costa Rica
   • Robert H. Jerry, Dean, Levin College of Law
   • Josh Markus, Chair, American Bar Association’s Section of International Law & Practice; Chair, International Practice Group, Carlton Fields P.A., Miami
   • Simon V. Potter, Past President, Canadian Bar Association; Partner, Ogilvy Renault, Montreal
   • Jaime Cortes Rocha, Council Member, Barra Mexicana, Mexico City, Mexico
   • Arturo Fournier Facio, former President, Costa Rica Branch, Inter-American Bar Association
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   • Elizabeth A. Jenkins, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida; Chair, Latin America/Caribbean Subcommittee, Judicial Conference Committee on International Judicial Relations
   • Illiana Arce Umaña, Chair, Board of Directors, Costa Rican Bar Association

2.  **The Human Right to Property and Sustainable Development**
   Location: *InterAmerican Institute for Human Rights*
   • Tom Ankersen, Legal Skills Professor; Director of Conservation Clinic and Costa Rica Program, Center for Governmental Responsibility, Levin College of Law
3. Decentralization, Property Taxation and Valuation

Location: Instituto de Fomento y Asesoría Municipal (IFAM)

- Edward A. Crapo, Past President, International Association of Assessing Officers; Alachua County (Florida) Property Appraiser
- Richard Hamann, Attorney, Researcher, and Teacher, Center for Governmental Responsibility, Levin College of Law
- Grenville Barnes, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering, Geomatics Program, University of Florida
- Maribel Sequeira, Executive Director, Instituto de Fomento y Asesoría Municipal, San Jose, Costa Rica
- Enrique Ulate Chacón, Professor of Agrarian Law, University of Costa Rica, Superior Agrarian Judge, Costa Rica

4. Conflict Resolution

Location: Hall of Ex-Presidents, Supreme Court of Costa Rica

- Michael W. Gordon, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law, Levin College of Law
- José Miguel Alfaro, Deputy High Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Supreme Court of Justice of Costa Rica; former Vice President of Costa Rica
- José Manuel Echandi, Ombudsman, Costa Rica
- Jose Antonio Montes, Attorney and Director, Institutional Provisions and Dispute Settlement Group, CAFTA Negotiating Team, Guatemala
- Don Peters, Professor of Law, Trustee Research Fellow, & Director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, Levin College of Law
- John Upchurch, CEO, Upchurch Watson White & Max, Florida/Alabama
- Ingrid Palacios Montero, Faculty of Law, University of Costa Rica
- Aaron Montero Sequeira, Lawyer, member of E-Proint Law Firm; Professor of Intellectual Property, University of Costa Rica
5. Economic Integration in the Hemisphere
Location: Costa Rican Foreign Ministry
   • Buddy MacKay, Jr., former Special Envoy for the Americas in the Executive Office of the President of the United States; former Florida Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and U.S. Congressman; adjunct Lecturer, Levin College of Law
   • Stephen J. Powell, Lecturer in Law and Director of the International Trade Law Program, Center for Governmental Responsibility, Levin College of Law; former Chief Counsel for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
   • Dennis C. Jett, Dean, International Center, University of Florida; Former United States Ambassador to Peru and to Mozambique; former Senior Advisor to the U.S. Department of State on Africa
   • Terry McCoy, Director of the Latin American Business Environment Program; Associate Director, Center for International Business Education and Research, University of Florida
   • Gabriela Llobet Yglesias, Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
   • Adrián Jorge Makuc, Director of Foreign Trade Division, Ministry of Economy, Argentina

6. Proportional Response Under Rule of Law to Organized Crime & Terrorism
Location: Ministry of Public Security
   • Fletcher Baldwin, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law; Director, Center for International Financial Crimes Studies, Levin College of Law
   • Alan Lambert, Consultant with the British Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Caribbean Anti-Money Laundering Programme; former Detective in the United Kingdom
   • Peter German, Chief Superintendent and a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
   • Pablo Barahona Kruger, Consultant and Independent Investigator, Costa Rica
   • Rogelio Ramos, Ministry of Security

4 p.m. Buses depart workshop locations for Marriott Hotel

5 p.m. Buses arrive Marriott Hotel

6-7 p.m. Reception for all Participants
Foyer of Juan Vasquez de Coronado Ballroom, Marriott Hotel

7-10 p.m. Dinner for all Participants
Juan Vasquez de Coronado Ballroom, Rooms E-H, Marriott Hotel
   • Presentation of The Jon Mills Award for Significant Contributions to Relations Between Florida and the Americas
   • Keynote Speech: Francis McNeil, former U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica; Sonia Picado???
   • Brief oral reports of workshop sessions by lead organizers. Discuss goals for Saturday session.
Saturday, June 26

8 a.m.  Breakfast for Conference Speakers & Planning Committee
       La Castilla Terrace, Lobby Level, Marriott Hotel

8:30 a.m.  Buses depart Marriott Hotel for University of Costa Rica

9:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m.  Closing General Session. University of Costa Rica.
            Convener: Jon Mills
            Oral reports from Workshops; Setting agenda for future; Discussion.

12:30 p.m.  Adjourn. Buses depart University of Costa Rica for Marriott Hotel.
Conference Speakers & Panelists

José Miguel Alfaro is Deputy High Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Supreme Court of Justice of Costa Rica. He previously served as Vice President of Costa Rica from 1978 to 1982. He also is a Professor of Central American Integration Law and Political Science and a corporate business counselor.

Thomas T. Ankersen is a Legal Skills Professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Center for Governmental Responsibility, where he directs the law school’s Conservation Clinic and Costa Rica Program. The Clinic, which is both interdisciplinary and international, represents clients in the governmental, non-governmental and private sectors. He teaches and conducts grant and contract-based research across a broad spectrum of domestic and international environmental law topics, and has published numerous articles in both English and Spanish language journals. He is a member of the Florida Bar and its Environmental and Land Use Law Section, served on the Tropical Ecosystem Directorate of the United States Man and the Biosphere Program and is a member of the IUCN Environmental Law Commission. He is President and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Florida-based Environmental and Land Use Law Center. Prior to his current position, he practiced in the environmental litigation firm of Peeples, Earl & Blank in Miami, Florida, and helped to open the Florida Office of Earthjustice. He holds a J.D. from the University of Florida where he was a member of the Law Review.

Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr., is the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law, and Director, Center for International Financial Crimes Studies, University of Florida; founding Director, Montpellier University Summer Program in Law, Montpellier, France; also visiting Professeur au Centre de Droit du l’Entreprise, Montpellier; 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, Cambridge, England, the University of Lodz, Poland, and the ABA OPAL Program at Princeton and Brown Universities. He has been a Delegate to the Conference on Human Rights, Kiev State University, Ukraine, and International Constitutional Law Roundtable, Murten, Switzerland, also Visiting Lecturer, University of Natal Pieremaritzburg, South Africa, visiting lecturer, Department of Treasury’s Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia; CEELI Legal Specialist, and Advisor to the Parliament, and the Constitutional Court, Kiev, Ukraine. Consultant and Technical Advisor on matters pertaining to International Financial Crimes to the Juridical Council, Thailand and Consultant to the Attorney General, Indonesia, where he also delivered lectures at the Universities of Pajarau and Diponegoro. Speaker and Delegate, Eleventh through Twenty-First International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge, England. The Centre for International Financial Crimes Studies is one of the Organizing Institutions for the Cambridge Symposium. He is Co-Founder and Lecturer, Center for Human Rights and Peace, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. He has written several books and articles, including a five-volume treatise on Money Laundering Asset Forfeiture and International Financial Crimes, (1993-2002) (Oceana Press, N.Y.) and a three-volume treatise on Cybercrime and Security, (Oceana Press, N.Y.) (co-authored). He is also one of the General
Editors of the Financial Crime Review. His active practice is limited to appellate constitutional litigation. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia (A.B.) (J.D. Hon.); University of Illinois (LL.M.) And Yale University (LL.M.). He served in the United States Marine Corps and in the United States Army.

**Rafael González Ballar** is Dean of the Law School at the University of Costa Rica, where he also serves as a Professor. An attorney with emphasis in environmental and administrative law, he is the author of books and monographs in national and international magazines about environmental topics and is an international researcher, consultant and lecturer. He graduated from the University of Costa Rica as attorney in law and notary; and from the University of Bordeaux with the Diplome d’Etudes Approfondies in economy and environmental law and the Third Cycle Doctor in Public Law. He is a member of the National Academy of Public Law; member of the Agrarian Law Association; and Associate Founder of Justice for Nature Association. He was an adviser to the Latin American United Nations Institute for Crime (ILANUD) Environmental Program; to the Arias Foundation in the “Citizen Participation Project”; and to the Municipality of San Jose in the Project “Environment and Participation Reform”.

**Douglas Barnes**

**Grenville Barnes** is currently an Associate Professor of Geomatics at the University of Florida (Gainesville). He is a specialist in land tenure, land information systems (cadastres and property registration systems) and land administration with over 25 years of experience in this field. He has worked in a research or consultant capacity on cadastral and land titling projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern and Central Europe, Africa and elsewhere. He has also contributed to both the technical and institutional design of land projects in Bolivia, Peru, Nicaragua, and Ecuador. In addition, he has undertaken evaluations of land titling projects, or addressed specific technical or procedural problems related to these projects in a number of countries, including Ecuador, Honduras, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Guatemala, Nicaragua. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank, FAO, IDB, USAID, Danida, GtZ and various government agencies in Latin America. More recently he has begun working on community land tenure issues and the role of Geomatics technologies in the management and administration of land and resources within these tenure regimes. He has been involved with education and training in the field of Geomatics for over 20 years. He holds B.Sc and M.Sc degrees from the University of Natal (South Africa) and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

**Rosemary J. Coombe** is a legal anthropologist whose research areas include intellectual property, cultural property, the protection of indigenous knowledge and the social use and meaning of human rights in conditions of globalization. She received her LLM and JSD at Stanford University after receiving her first law degree in Canada. She worked at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law for twelve years before being awarded one of the country's first Tier One Canada Research Chairs at York University in 2001. She is the author of The Cultural Life of Intellectual Properties (Duke University Press, 1998) a book that received Honorable Mention for the Harry Jacobs Prize by the Law and Society Association in 1999. She has published
widely in cultural anthropology and in legal and political theory and is currently working on a book on the globalization of intellectual property norms. Some of her published essays may be found online at http://www.yorku.ca/rcoombe.

Jaime Cortés Rocha is a member of the Directive Council of the Legal Practice Committee of the Barra Mexicana (Mexican Bar Association). His areas of practice are acquisitions, mergers and privatizations, capital markets, securities, banking and financial law with the firm of Mijares Angoitia Cortes and Fuentes in Mexico City. He is a member of the Mexican Cross-Border Legal Practice Committee of the Barra Mexicana and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mexican Mediation Institute and of the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute. He received his law degree from Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and his MBA from ITESM, Mexico. He did graduate law studies at the University of Mississippi. He has practiced law for more than thirty-five years. Prior to joining Mijares, Angoitia, Cortés y Fuentes, S.C., he acted as general counsel to Grupo Financiero GBM Atlántico. He is the author of a number of articles and contributions on corporate and finance matters for EL FORO (Mexican Bar Law Review), Global Counsel Handbooks, International Law Review and other specialized legal publications.

Edward A. Crapo has served Alachua County, Florida, as the elected Property Appraiser for six terms (24 years). He is a member of the Board of Regents for the Center for Advanced Property Economics in Chicago, Illinois, and a Past President of the International Association of Assessing Officers. He has more than thirty years of experience in Real Estate, Real Property Appraisal, Tangible Property Appraisal, Mass Appraisal, Property Tax Policy, Geographic Information System Administration, Property Tax Administration, and Quality Management. He has an international reputation for his expertise in property tax system issues and implementation, as well as for effectiveness in analyzing situations and developing and implementing realistic situations. He has presented at professional seminars around the world and has been published in professional journals. He has been the recipient of many awards, including U.S. Congressional Recognition in 2002. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Hobart College in Geneva, New York.

Carmen Diana Deere is Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. (Dr. Deere will be assuming the position of Director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida as of August 15, 2004.) Her Ph.D. is in Agricultural Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. She is Past President of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) and of the New England Council of Latin American Studies, and was a founding member and on the first Executive Board of the Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA). She serves on numerous editorial boards, including World Development, and is an Associate Editor of Feminist Economics. Her most recent book (with Magdalena León) is Empowering Women: Land and Property Rights in Latin America (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2001), winner of the 2003 Bryce Wood Book Award of the Latin American Studies Association. This twelve-country study of gender and land rights has also been published in Spanish as Género, Propiedad y Empoderamiento: tierra, Estado y mercado en América Latina (Mexico City: UNAM/PUEG, 202, 2cd ed.) and in Portuguese. Among her current research projects is a World Bank-funded econometric study on the outcomes of women having land
rights, and a study based on the analysis of the early Republican civil codes of married women’s property rights in nineteenth century Latin America. She also is co-editing a special issue of *Feminist Economics* on Women and the Distribution of Wealth.

**José Manuel Echandi Meza** currently holds the position of ombudsman of the Republic of Costa Rica. He earned his law degree and notary public status from the Autonomous University of Central America (UACA). He earned his Master’s Degree in Corporate Management from the University of Arts and Sciences of Costa Rica in 2000. In addition to his current employment as ombudsman, he has worked as general manager of the Social Protection Board of San José; executive director of the National Foundation for Infancy; vice president of the CIBELAE, president of the Board of Directors of the Social Benefit and Mutual Fund for lottery ticket sellers; and sub-chief of the Legal Department of the Board of Social Protection of San José. In addition to working as a trial lawyer, his consultant experience has involved work with the Supreme Court of Justice and the United Nations Program for the Prevention of Crime (ILANUD). In his work as a university professor, he has taught courses in public law and constitutional law.

**Hermann L. Faith** has been Executive Director of the Costa Rica-United States of America Foundation for Cooperation (CR-USA) for over five years. He holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Costa Rica, an MBA in Marketing from the University of Pennsylvania and a post-graduate school degree in Communications from the Charles Morris Price Institute of Philadelphia. He has held the position of General Manager and President of several national enterprises, in the areas of international commerce and agro-industry of coffee and sugar, mainly. He also has been Director, Honorary Director and President of different Business Chambers, Banks and Associations in the private sector.

**Arturo Fournier Facio** received his Juris Doctor in 1974 from the University of Costa Rica and was admitted to practice law in Costa Rica. He continued his education with a Doctor of Laws from the Universidad Centroamericana in Managua, Nicaragua, in 1974; a Doctor of Law in Agricultural Law from the Università degli Studi, Florence, Italy in 1976; and in 1991 a specialization in review of agricultural law teaching at the Universidad Estatal a Distancia in Montes de Oca de San José in Costa Rica. He also has taken twelve specialized courses in diverse areas of the law, including fields such as human rights, corporate law, corporate administration, commercial law, penal process, administration of justice, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, landlord/tenant law, agrarian reform, and agricultural law. In 2003, he was president of the Comité de Derecho Internacional y Relaciones Internacionales del Colegio Nacional de Abogados (International Law & International Relations Committee of the National School of Lawyers). He also has served as a specialist on modernization of the judiciary with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, beginning in 2001, and president of both the Costa Rican branch of the Association of American Jurists and the Inter-American Bar Association in 1998. In 1997 he served as legal consultant to the Civic Association for Democratic Integrity in its fight against corruption, as ombudsman of Costa Rica, and was designated as an arbitrator and mediator for the Commercial Dispute Resolution Center of the Americas. He has made presentations on various areas of the law in Costa Rica, the United States, Cuba, Chile, England, Italy, France, Panama, Nicaragua, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, and Germany.
**Peter German** is Chief Superintendent and a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and has worked in every Canadian province and territory. He was assigned to Commercial Crime Sections at Vancouver and Ottawa, where he was a Detective Inspector assigned to major fraud and corruption investigations. In April 2002, he was named the RCMP's Director General of Financial Crime, responsible for the Force's commercial crime and money laundering programs. He is a lawyer and a member of the Ontario and British Columbia bars. He previously practiced law privately, including as a Crown prosecutor and criminal defense counsel. He holds graduate degrees in law and political science and is the author of a legal text devoted entirely to the proceeds of crime and money laundering.

**Michael Wallace Gordon** is the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law at the University of Florida, where he has taught since 1968. He is also an Affiliate Member of the faculty of the Center for Latin American Studies. 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, Könstantz, Frankfurt, Escuela Libre de Derecho (Mexico), University of Costa Rica and King's College (London). He received an M.S. and J.D. from Connecticut, an M.A. in Economics from Trinity College, a Diplome de Droit Compare from the International Faculty at Strasbourg, and a Maestria en Derecho from Iberoamericana in Mexico. He has lectured throughout the United States for the Council on Foreign Relations, and in Africa, Asia, the mid-East, Europe and Latin America for the Department of State. He has consulted for ten foreign governments and lectured at universities and law associations in some 35 nations. He has been a Senior Fulbright Professor in Mexico, Guatemala and Germany, and a Scholar-in-Residence at the Rockefeller Foundation Institute in Bellagio, Italy. He has authored or co-authored more than fifty books and numerous chapters and articles. His writings are principally on comparative law, international litigation, Mexican law, the NAFTA, and international trade. He was appointed by the Clinton administration to the dispute resolution panels of both the World Trade Organization and the North American Free Trade Agreement. He has served on three NAFTA Chapter 19 panels.

**Richard Hamann** is an attorney, researcher and teacher at the University of Florida Levin College of Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility. He has conducted research on a wide variety of environmental, land use and water management issues. He teaches a Florida Water Law Seminar, as well as Environmental Law: Water, Wetlands and Wildlife. He is President of Florida Defenders of the Environment, a Director of the Florida Wildlife Federation, a Director of Alachua Conservation Trust and Past-Chair of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar.

**Berta Esperanza Hernández-Truyol** joined the faculty at the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2000 as the Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law. She received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University, her law degree (cum laude) from Albany Law School of Union University, and her master of laws (in international legal studies) from New York University. She previously was a professor at St. John's University School of Law, where she also directed the International Women's Human Rights Project of the Center for Law and Public Policy. During the late 1990's, she was an honorary senior fellow in the Institute for Legal
Studies at the University of Wisconsin Law School and was a visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center. She has been on law school faculties of the University of New Mexico and DePaul University. While she was in private practice, she was an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School. She is one of the founders of the Latina/o Critical (LatCrit) Theory movement and is widely published. She is the editor and co-author of the recently published book, Moral Imperialism: A Critical Anthology (NYU Press), and has published over 40 articles in numerous law reviews and journals.

Elizabeth A. Jenkins is a U.S. Magistrate Judge with the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, Florida. Appointed in 1985 and re-appointed to a third eight-year term in 2001, she is a former President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, an organization of more than 500 members. She is a Master of the Bench and past President of the Justice William Glenn Terrell American Inn of Court. She is a frequent participant in seminars relating to federal practice sponsored by the Florida Bar Association, American Bar Association, Hillsborough County Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, and the Federal Judicial Center, among other groups. In October 2001, Judge Jenkins was appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist to the Judicial Conference Committee on International Judicial Relations for a three-year term. She is the first magistrate judge to serve on that committee. The committee’s primary role is to serve as a resource for foreign judiciaries involved in judicial development. Currently, she chairs the Latin American/Caribbean subcommittee of the CIJR. She is a member of the Florida Bar and the District of Columbia Bar.

Robert H. Jerry, II, is Dean and Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor at the Fredric G. Levin College of Law at the University of Florida. Following graduation from the University of Michigan Law School in 1977, a clerkship with Judge George E. MacKinnon of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and three years of practice with an Indianapolis law firm, he joined the faculty at the University of Kansas School of Law in 1981. He was promoted to professor in 1985 and served as dean of the KU School of Law from 1989 to 1994. In 1994, he became the first permanent holder of the Herbert Herff Chair of Excellence at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, The University of Memphis. In 1998, he assumed the Floyd R. Gibson Missouri Endowed Professorship at the University of Missouri-Columbia, a position he held until becoming dean at the Levin College of Law in 2003. He is the author of Understanding Insurance Law, the third edition of which was published by Lexis Law Publishing in 2002, is a co-author (with Roger C. Henderson) of Insurance Law: Cases and Materials (third edition published by Lexis Law Publishing in 2001), and is the author of numerous articles in the field of insurance law. His law school courses cover varied facets of insurance law, including advanced courses in insurance dispute resolution and health insurance law and regulation. He is a past chair of the Insurance Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools, a member of the American Law Institute, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and is a Senior Fellow of the Dispute Resolution Center at the University of Missouri. In 1992 he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana State University, his undergraduate alma mater.

Dennis Jett became the Dean of the International Center at the University of Florida in August 2000 after nearly 28 years with the State Department. He served as Ambassador to Peru from
1996 to 1999 and Ambassador to Mozambique from 1993 to 1996. His last State Department position was as Diplomat in Resident and Senior Advisor on Africa at the Carter Center in Atlanta. Previous assignments include Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs on the National Security Council, Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and Deputy Chief of Mission in Monrovia, Liberia and in Lilongwe, Malawi. In addition to several tours in Washington, he also worked in Tel Aviv and in Buenos Aires. Before joining the Foreign Service, he was an economist for the state of New Mexico. Ambassador Jett has a Ph.D. in international relations from the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, South Africa and a BA and MA in economics from the University of New Mexico. He also attended the U.S. Naval Academy and the University of Miami. He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, and speaks some Hebrew. His dissertation, “Why Peacekeeping Fails,” has been published by St. Martin’s/Palgrave. His awards from the State Department include the 1999 Charles E. Cobb Award for the promotion of American commercial interests; a Distinguished Honor Award in 1990 for "exceptional service during the Liberian civil war"; and a Meritorious Honor Award in 1983 for his work in Tel Aviv. In 1995 the American Foreign Service Association recognized his "extraordinary accomplishment while Ambassador to Mozambique” with the Christian Herter Award. He and his staff were given Group Honor Awards by the State Department in each of the last three embassies he supervised--in Lima in 1997 for superb performance during the hostage crisis at the Japanese Ambassador's residence; in Maputo in 1994 for success in consolidating peace and democracy in Mozambique, and in Monrovia in 1990 for accomplishments and courage during the initial months of the Liberian civil war. In 2001 the University of New Mexico Alumni Association gave Ambassador Jett the James F. Zimmerman Award, which is conferred annually on an alumnus who has made a significant contribution that has brought fame and honor to UNM or to the State of New Mexico. In November 2001, President Toledo presented him with the Order of the Sun of Peru, grade of the Grand Cross, in a televised ceremony at the Presidential Palace in recognition of his “diplomatic efforts and his contribution to the reestablishment of democracy in Peru.” The Lima daily newspaper *La Republica* and *Frecuencia Latina*, Channel 2 television, in separate ceremonies also gave him awards for his defense of democracy and freedom of the press. In May 2002, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld designated Ambassador Jett as one of six representatives from academic, business and human rights communities to serve as members of the first board of visitors to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), a DOD international professional education center located at Fort Benning, Ga. In its first meeting the WHINSEC board elected him as its chairman.

**Pablo Barahona Kruger**

Alan Lambert is a former United Kingdom Detective, having served in a UK police force for 31 years before retiring in May, 1998. During his police career, and since retirement, he has been employed as a consultant with the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and more recently with the Caribbean Anti Money Laundering Programme (CALP). He has served periods with specialist units including the Fraud Squad, the Regional Crime Squad (the forerunner to the National Crime Squad), and he has headed Financial Investigation Units, where the focus is on the investigation of money laundering and tracing assets of major criminals and drug traffickers. In 1997, while still a serving police officer, he was sent by the UK Government as an advisor to
the Government of Trinidad & Tobago, with special responsibility to train and establish a Financial Investigation Unit within a newly-formed anti money laundering Task Force. While there, he was able to assist with financial investigation in a major drug trafficking case, which led to confiscation orders being made against four defendants totaling some TT$5.7 million. In April 2000, he was again approached by the UK Government, to act as an advisor to the Office of National Drugs and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP) in Antigua. Once again, this involved training and establishing a Financial Investigation Unit, which was completed in July 2000. Since that time, he has worked on a consultancy basis for CALP in Barbados, St. Kitts & Nevis, Grenada, St. Lucia, Antigua, Trinidad, Martinique, Jamaica, Curacao, Belize, and the Cayman Islands, either helping to establish dedicated Financial Intelligence Units, running courses to train financial investigators, or mentoring those trained investigators on live investigations.

**Gabriela Llobet Yglesias** is Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica. She studied in the faculty of Law of the University of Costa Rica and finished her law studies in 1995. She has an LL.M. in Environmental Law from The George Washington University National Law Center (1996) and an LL.M. in International Law from Georgetown University (1997). She joined the Ministry of Foreign Trade in 1998 and has held a number of positions, including: Trade Advisor to the Department of International Trade Negotiations, Deputy Director of International Trade Negotiations and Director General of Foreign Trade. In her different capacities, she has been actively involved as General Coordinator of different negotiation processes and negotiator of Costa Rica. She participated in the Costa Rica and Canada Free Trade Agreement as General Coordinator of such process and Lead Negotiator of the Environment Co-operation Agreement and the Labor Cooperation Agreement between Costa Rica and Canada. She also participated in the Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement, in the Central America-Chile Free Trade Agreement, and in the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) process. In May 2002, she was appointed as Vice Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica. During 2003, as part of her duties as Vice Minister of Foreign Trade, she worked actively in CAFTA’s negotiation process. In particular, she was lead negotiator in the areas of labor and environment.

**Kenneth H. (Buddy) MacKay, Jr.** formerly served as Special Envoy for the Americas in the Executive Office of the President of the United States, appointed by President Bill Clinton. 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. At that time, Governor MacKay was only the second person to serve in this capacity. As Special Envoy for the Americas, he advised the President and then Vice President Al Gore on hemispheric issues and concerns and worked to advance Administration policies. While in the White House, he traveled throughout the region, working to promote hemispheric integration and to improve understanding of issues such as the 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. He 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. Since leaving Washington, he has been teaching courses as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Adrián Jorge Makuc graduated from the College of Economic Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, in 1970, with a degree in political economy. Since then, he has specialized in international economic relations, trade policy matters and multilateral trade rules. His work has been both in the public and private sectors. Since February 1998, he has been National Director of Foreign Trade Policy in the Secretariat of Industry and Trade of Ministry of Economy in Argentina. This division deals with trade negotiations at bilateral regional and multilateral levels. This responsibility extends to cover issues related to trade negotiations within MERCOSUR, ALADI countries, the European Union, the FTAA process and the WTO Doha Round.

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Josh Markus is a shareholder at Carlton Fields, P.A. located in the Miami office of the Firm. He is the chair of the International Practice Group of the Firm. He is a graduate of Duke University, the University of Florida School of Law (J.D., with honors), and the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (LLM, magna cum laude). His practice involves representing US and non-US companies in international and domestic corporate transactions including joint ventures, strategic alliances, mergers and acquisitions. He also advises these companies on general corporate and commercial matters with particular focus on electronic commerce, distribution of goods and services, intellectual property licensing, direct marketing/advertising/entertainment oriented matters and general corporate operational matters in cable and satellite television and wholesale and retail consumer products. He is a former Chair of the International Law Section of The Florida Bar, and is presently Chair of the American Bar Association’s Section of International Law and Practice. Florida Bar Activities: Chair, International Law Section of The Florida Bar, 1991-92; Chair, Council of Sections, The Florida Bar, 1994-95; Member, Special Committee to Study the Composition of the Board of Governors/Chair, Subcommittee on Diversity-Based Seats. 1996-97; Chair, Standing Committee on Advertising, 1997-99; Member, Inaugural Certification Committee for International Law, 1998-present; Chair, Certification Committee for International Law, 2003-present. Community Activities: President (first American president), British American Chamber of Commerce Miami, 1996-98; Chairman, British American Chamber of Commerce Miami, 1998-2000; Member, British American
Business Council (1996-present); Advisory Board Member, Florida Brazil Institute (1994-present); Advisory Board Member, Center for Governmental Responsibility of the University of Florida (1993-present); Founding Chair, Commercial Dispute Resolution Center of the Americas, 1992-96 (currently, member of the Board of Directors); Co-Chair, International Initiatives Committee, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (1995-96); Chair's Council Member (1995-97) and member of International Business Issues Committee (1998-present), Florida Chamber of Commerce. American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice Activities: Chair (2003-present); Chair-Elect (2002-2003); Vice Chair (2001-2002); General Division (2000-2001); Chair, Public International Law Division (1999-2000); Chair, Comparative Law Division (1998-1999); Budget Officer and founding Chair, Section Finance Committee (1996-1998); Council Member(1994-present); Chair, Section Fall Meeting, Miami (with the InterAmerican Bar Association) (November, 1997); Chair, Membership Committee (and initiator of Law Student Outreach Program) (1994-1996): Chair, Inter-American Law Committee (initiator of regional coordinator program and of Section co-sponsorship of Doing Business in Latin America Seminar with The Florida Bar International Law Section, now in its eleventh year) (1990-94); Member, Advisory Committee on Latin American Technical Assistance Projects (since its founding); Project Director, ABA Haitian Technical Assistance Project (1993-95); ABA Spokesperson on Haitian Issues (1993-95). Publications: Chapter 13, "My Career as a Latin American Transactional Lawyer" Careers in International Law, Second Edition (ABA SILP 2001); "Going International in Latin America," Counseling Emerging Companies in Going International (ABA 1994), Chapter 9, "Miami International Practice," Careers in International Law (ABA SILP 1993). "The Role of US Counsel in Advising the Foreign Investor," Foreign Investment in US Real Estate, A Comprehensive Guide (ABA 1990); and "Business Structures," International Transactions Manual, (The Florida Bar 1988 and 1992) (with Maureen O'Brien).

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**Francis McNeil** was U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica during the administrations of President Jimmy Carter and President Ronald Reagan, part of a diplomatic career which spanned Asia, Latin America and Europe, involving senior posts at home and abroad, among them Deputy Assistant Secretary in three different Bureaus of the Department of State (Inter-American Affairs, East Asia, and Principal Deputy for Intelligence and Research). He was President Reagan's Special Emissary for the Grenada Mission and, in private life, conducted a special mission for the administration of President Bill Clinton. He holds numerous awards, among them, the State Department's highest, the Distinguished Honor Award and the Christian Herter Award of the American Foreign Service Association, awarded to him by his peers. Resigning from the Foreign Service in 1987, he began a long association with not-for-profit organizations and think tanks, conducting a project for the Council of Foreign Relations and working as a Senior Associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He was Executive Director of the blue ribbon Commission on U.S.-Japan relations for the 21st Century, and Director of the U.S. Navy's Strategic Studies Group (1992-95). Today, he is a Senior Research Associate of the North-South Center and member of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel, a federal advisory committee. He writes extensively on foreign and security affairs and about the impact of environmental destruction upon them. His two books are about Japan, and Latin America and Japan; his "War and Peace in Central America" made the New York Times list of "Notable Books" for 1989 and he is principal author of "Environmental Security and Global Stability."

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Jose Antonio Montes is a licensed lawyer in Guatemala and received his Master’s degree in International Relations and International Economics from The Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., in 1983. His extensive professional experience includes law in Guatemala; international law and economic integration of Central America, and foreign investment. From 2002 to the present, he has worked for the Inter-American Development Bank where he was director of negotiations involving the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). From 1993 to the present he has worked as an independent legal and international relations consultant in the areas of international relations, foreign investment contracts, economic integration of Central America, and regional political analysis. From 1990-1992 he served as Manager of Corporate Affairs for Proctor & Gamble Interamericas, Inc., of Guatemala, where he coordinated legal consultations for the company in Central America and advised the company on the evolution of economic integration occurring in Central America. From 1988-1990 he served as Coordinator for the Supreme Court of Justice in Guatemala where he focused on international
relations and cooperation. From 1986-1987 he worked as an ambassador for Guatemala to the United Nations in New York and dealt with issues of developing countries and international trade, external debt, technology transfers, and economic cooperation. He preceded this service with time in the Guatemalan Embassy in Washington, D.C., where he monitored Congressional activities related to international trade, democratic institutions, human rights, and bilateral cooperation. He also, from 1984 to 1985, served as an alternate representative and held responsibilities involving hemispheric security, economic development, and democratic evolution.

Don Peters is a Professor of Law, Trustee Research Fellow, and the Director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law. A 1968 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law, he regularly teaches the Virgil Hawkins County Mediation Clinic as well as negotiation, mediation, interviewing and counseling, and professional responsibility. He is a Florida Supreme Court certified family, county, and circuit court mediator who has taught and consulted about ADR topics in Australia, Haiti, India, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Poland, Taiwan, South Africa, and Uganda. He was a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow with the Greater Miami Legal Services, Inc.; a Senior Fulbright Scholar with the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and a Fulbright Senior Specialist with the Yarmouk University in Irbid, Jordan. He also has taught as a visitor on law faculties at the Universities of Alabama, Colorado, and Iowa, as well as at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

Simon V. Potter is a partner of the firm Ogilvy Renault, practicing in the firm’s Montreal office since 1975, and is one of the Litigation Group’s leading members. Recognized for his versatility as a corporate and commercial trial and appellate lawyer, he also has developed a particular expertise in all areas of administrative law dealing with trade and competition issues. He has appeared regularly before all federal and Quebec courts as well as before numerous regulatory boards and other agencies such as the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission and the Competition Bureau. In his commercial litigation practice, he has handled a variety of cases ranging from corporate contractual liability to competition issues and constitutional questions, including the challenge of the federal legislation which banned the Canadian advertising of tobacco products, which resulted in the Supreme Court of Canada judgement striking down the principal parts of that legislation. His reputation as an international trade lawyer has warranted inclusion of his name on the list of Canadian experts eligible to sit on Binational Panels created under Chapter 19 of the FTA and of the NAFTA to review determinations of dumping and of subsidizations. He has sat on two such panels as well as on a Binational Panel formed under Chapter 20 of the FTA to hear a dispute between Canada and the United States as to American regulations imposing minimum sizes for lobster imported from Canada. He has had experience in handling major arbitrations, both at the national and international levels, either as counsel to a party or as arbitrator. Over the years he has actively taken part in the direction of various Bar Associations, including the Canadian Bar Association of which he has been President of the Quebec Branch. He is Past President of The Canadian Bar Association for the year 2003-2004. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council Inc., and of the Quebec Advisory Board of CARE Canada.
**Stephen J. Powell** is Director of the International Trade Law Program at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Center for Governmental Responsibility, where he develops seminars on trade topics for business executives and their attorneys, plans and teaches academic courses on international trade law for law and business students, conducts research on trade and business laws to aid company export strategies, and provides technical assistance to developing countries on implementing their World Trade Organization obligations. Prior to his appointment in January 2000, he was for 17 years 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 has negotiated a number of treaties to discipline government subsidization and unfair private pricing practices, including the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico and served as lead U.S. negotiator in Free Trade Area of the Americas talks on subsidies and dumping.

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**Maribel Sequeira Gutiérrez** currently works as executive director of the public Costa Rica Institute for Municipal Development and Assistance where she has served, among other posts, as a lawyer in the legal department, specialized technical consultant, and executive director of the organization. In her various positions at the Institute for Municipal Development and Assistance, she has directed many programs, including the Municipal Tax Administration Program, Cadastre/Property Registration Regularization Program, and environmental and public participation programs. Her education includes a law degree, notary public certification, political science degree, and a Master’s Degree in Public Law, all of which she earned at the University of Costa Rica. She also has been a researcher at the Social Science Research Center, professor of municipal law and administration as well as professor of environmental law at the University of Costa Rica. Her publications include legislation related to municipal issues, Manual for Municipal Parliamentary Procedures, Summary of Municipal Environmental Legislation, Principal Taxes Supplying Revenue to Municipalities, and Explanation of Municipal Regulations.
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Luis Ricardo Zeledon
Michael Wallace Gordon

Michael Wallace Gordon is the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he has taught since 1968. He is also an Affiliate Member of the faculty of the Center for Latin American Studies. 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, Könstanz, Frankfurt, Escuela Libre de Derecho (Mexico), University of Costa Rica and King’s College (London).

He received an M.S. and J.D. from Connecticut, an M.A. in Economics from Trinity College, a Diplome de Droit Compare from the International Faculty at Strasbourg, and a Maestria en Derecho from Iberoamericana in Mexico. He has lectured throughout the United States for the Council on Foreign Relations, and in Africa, Asia, the Mid-East, Europe and Latin America for the Department of State. Professor Gordon has consulted for ten foreign governments and lectured at universities and law associations in some 35 nations. He has been a Senior Fulbright Professor in Mexico, Guatemala and Germany, and a Scholar-in-Residence at the Rockefeller Foundation Institute in Bellagio, Italy.

He has authored or co-authored more than forty books and numerous chapters and articles. His writings are principally on comparative law, international litigation, Mexican law, the NAFTA, and international trade. His books include four casebooks for West: Comparative Legal Traditions (2nd ed w/ Glendon & Osakwe), International Business Transactions (6th ed w/ Folsom & Spanogle), International Civil Dispute Resolution (w/ Brand, Baldwin & Epstein) and Law of NAFTA (w/ Folsom & Lopez). He has also co-authored West Nutshells on Comparative Law, International Business Transactions, and International Trade and Investment, and written an English translation of the Mexican Civil Code for the Federal District, Foreign State Immunity in the U.S. & U.K. (Butterworth), The Cuban Nationalizations: The Demise of Foreign Private Property, among many others. His international Business Transactions casebook is the most frequently adopted textbook on the subject in the United States. His books have been translated into Chinese, Russian, Lithuanian, Serbian and Croatian.
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. He has served on three NAFTA Chapter 19 panels. He is on the Advisory Committee on Private International Law of the Secretary of State, Washington, D.C. Professor Gordon has been a Director of the American Society of Comparative Law since 1980, and a Director of the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute since 1991. In 2002 he was elected an honorary member of the Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado y Comparado.

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The Fifth Annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas at the University of Florida Levin College of Law Recognizes Michael Wallace Gordon as the 2004 Recipient of “The Jon Mills Award for Significant Contributions to Relations Between Florida and the Americas” for his accomplishments in training an entire generation of international lawyers at the University of Florida and for providing strong advocacy for international programs in legal education throughout the Americas. He is the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law at the University of Florida, where his near-forty-year tenure provides the foundation for international activities; He continues to represent the University of Florida throughout the world as an expert on comparative law, international litigation, Mexican law, the NAFTA, and international trade; He has lectured throughout the United States, Africa, Asia, the Mid-East, Europe and Latin America; He has consulted for ten foreign governments and lectured at universities and law associations in some 35 nations; He has served on the dispute resolution panels of both the World Trade Organization and the North American Free Trade Agreement and on three NAFTA Chapter 19 Panels; and He is a valued Friend and Colleague. June 25, 2004. San Jose, Costa Rica

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Program goals:
1. Provide students with exposure to and understanding of diverse legal systems and methodology, and a working knowledge of principal legal issues in foreign countries with emphasis on important areas such as environment, business, human rights, trademark, and international commerce. This is provided through traditional classroom instruction and by offering learning opportunities from top foreign professors.

2. Provide opportunity for study in foreign countries, and bring to the Levin College of Law instructors and other experts from foreign countries. Students thus are offered increased opportunity to understand alternative legal systems, policies and procedures while providing enrichment for students and faculty.

3. Attract foreign-trained lawyers to our Comparative Law LL.M. program. This enhances the quality of Comparative Law discussion and helps establish international cooperation.

4. Participate in foreign teaching programs to promote understanding of legal principles and procedures outside the United States, and enhance the international standing and reputation of the University of Florida and the College of Law.

International Programs:
1. **International and Comparative Law Certificate.** Developed in 1998 to provide advanced studies in International and Comparative Law for University of Florida J.D. students.

2. **LL.M. in Comparative Law.** This one-year program was created in 1994 and attracts foreign-trained lawyers from around the world who want to enhance their understanding of the American legal system.

3. **Summer Study Abroad.** Because of increased globalization, it is important we supplement legal education with study in a foreign nation, thus expanding the experience that better equips our students to practice in the 21st Century. The Levin College of Law offers that opportunity in one of three summer academic programs:
   – San Jose, Costa Rica, where the focus is Environmental Law.
   – Montpellier, France, with emphasis on International Business Law.
   – Cape Town, South Africa, specializing in International Comparative Law and Human Rights Issues.
4. *International Trade Law.* Recognizing the importance of law schools’ roles in promoting the economic health of the United States. The program aims to meet the international trade needs of the legal, business, and academic communities.

5. *Enrichment/Exchanges*
   A. Student exchange – Leiden University in the Netherlands, Frankfurt University in Germany, the University of Montpellier in France.
   B. Faculty Exchange – Leiden, Frankfurt, Stellenbosch (South Africa), Monash (Australia)
   C. Mexico – Cooperative Venture with Escuela Libre De Derecho, a principal Mexico City law school.
   D. Poland – Center for American Law Studies, joint program with Warsaw University, coordinated by the Center for Governmental Responsibility.
   E. Foreign Enrichment Courses – courses taught by foreign academics.

6. *Center for Governmental Responsibility*
   A. Annual Latin American Conference – Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas
   B. Haiti Conflict Resolution Program
   C. Conservation Law for Latin America/Caribbean
   D. Brazilian Judges and Prosecutors Summer Program

7. *Organizations, Journals and Symposia*
   International Law Society, Florida Journal of International Law, Jessup International Law Moot Court, William Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court

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Topically, the Center has grown from its initial research on governance issues relating to the federal budget and powers of the presidency to a faculty with decades of collective experience in wide-ranging projects and programs in environmental law, social policy, democracy and governance, international trade, and health policy law. Additionally, the faculty of the Levin College of Law are full partners in CGR’s projects and programs.

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