12th Annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas
May 9, 2011
University of Florida Levin College of Law

Monday, May 9
8-8:30 a.m. Coffee and registration Holland Hall, Outside Rooms 285A-D

8:30-10 a.m. Plenary Session Room 285B

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

10-11:30 a.m. Plenary Session Room 285B

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

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Two simultaneous panels

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

1-2 p.m. Networking Luncheon Faculty Dining Room, 1st Floor, Bruton-Geer Hall
2-3:30 p.m. Two simultaneous panels

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

3:30-5 p.m. Two Simultaneous Panels

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 Marilia, 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

5-6 p.m. Closing Plenary Session: Planning for Buenos Aires Room 285B

6 p.m. Adjourn

6-7:30 p.m. Reception Home of Jon & Beth Mills