



INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Inter American Bar Association (IABA) is proud to announce its new leaders. They are Beatriz Roxana Martorello (Argentina) , President; André de Almeida (Brazil), First Vice President; George Harper (USA), Immediate Past President; Hugo Chaviano (USA), Secretary General; Lelia Mooney (USA), Adjunct Secretary General; Diego Peralta (Chile), Secretary; Rafael Veloz (Venezuela), Adjunct Secretary; Paulo Miranda (Brazil), Treasurer ; Jesus Rivera Ore (Peru), General Reporter ; Pascale Houde (Adjunct General Reporter); and Members of the Executive Committee: Luis Delgado de Molina (Spain), Jose Alvarez (Panama), Alfonso Villalba Cabrera (Mexico), Carlos Lopez Lopez (Puerto Rico), Mariana Cordier (USA).

The election took place during the IABA Annual Conference held in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from June 16th through the 19th. In attendance at the XLVI IABA Conference were delegates from international organizations and Bar Associations, including the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), the American Bar Association (ABA), the Canadian Bar Association, the Consejo General de la Abogacia Española (Spain) , the Association Internacionaledes Jeunes Avocats (AIJA), the Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil (OAB), Instituto dos Advogados Brasileiros, Ordre des Avocats de Paris, the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), Organización Mundial de la Propiedad Intelectual, Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración -ALADI-, Corporación Andina de Fomento -CAF-, Inter-American Development Bank -IDB- and several Bar Associations from different countries: Argentina – Federación Argentina de Colegios de Abogados (FACA), Colegio de Abogados de Córdoba, Colombia - Colegio Antioqueno de Abogados- Colegas-, Colegio de Abogados de Costa Rica, Colegio de Abogados de Chile, Colegio de Abogados de Pichincha -Ecuador-, Colegio de Abogados y Notarios de Guatemala, Barra Mexicana de Abogados, Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Lima, Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico, Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Venezuela.

Founded on May 16, 1940 by a group of distinguished lawyers and jurists representing forty-four professional organizations and seventeen nations of the western hemisphere, the Inter-American Bar Association ("IABA") provides a permanent forum for the exchange of professional views and information for lawyers to promote the Rule of Law and protect the democratic institutions in the Americas.

Every year, the IABA holds an international conference in one of the countries of the Americas or Spain during which time special seminars on legal topics are presented and IABA Committees and Sections meet. These meetings serve as a forum for the presentation of papers and the consideration of issues and resolutions related to them. They facilitate networking and discussion of current issues of interest to lawyers of the Americas and the Caribbean, their respective governments, and various international organizations.