MID-YEAR IABA COUNCIL MEETING
& INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

(Virtual Format)

February 17-19, 2021

INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE

INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION / FEDERACIÓN INTERAMERICANA DE ABOGADOS
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, ROBERTO FLORES DE LA ROSA.

Dear and distinguished IABA members:
I hereby would like to invite you to participate in the IABA Mid-Year Council Meeting & International Seminar “Constitution and Democracy in Times of COVID-19: A Way Forward and Effective Protection of Rights”, to be held virtually from February 17 thru 19, 2021. Your participation is extremely important since we will adopt agreements for the benefit of our institution. Likewise, the International Seminar will offer 8 panels featuring prominent speakers in the different disciplines that will be presented.

During the three and a half months of this presidency, we have been working hard with the direct participation of our Vice President, Judd Kessler, and our Secretary General, Lourdes Venes. We have undertaken the task to make our association a new IABA and we are confident that with the help of all of you we will succeed.

I will be happy to greet you from a distance via zoom.

Sincerely,

Roberto Flores de la Rosa.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY GENERAL LOURDES ESCAFFI VENES.

Dear colleagues,
It is my pleasure to invite you to join the Inter-American Bar Association Mid-Year Council Meeting and International Seminar on “Constitution and Democracy in the Times of COVID-19: A Way Forward and Effective Protection of Rights,” to be held virtually from February 17th to 19th 2021. We are still living extraordinary times amidst a pandemic that is taking long to subside, as well as serious political challenges in the Americas that call for a stronger commitment from our profession to serve the cause of justice and take a stand for democracy and the rule of law.

The IABA is still facing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other institutional challenges, but it is still working tirelessly and is pleased to launch its virtual Mid-Year Council Meeting and International Seminar. The event will give us an opportunity to review and improve our institutional governance, and the academic program will be a forum to reflect on the impact of the pandemic and the political crises that we have experienced on the constitutional pillars, the democratic institutions, the effective protection of rights, and reflect about the way forward. It will offer opportunities to learn, connect, and serve.

In this endeavor we thank the support and leadership of President, Roberto Flores de la Rosa, and First Vice President, Judd Kessler, as well as the collaboration of the Executive Committee, our panelists and all our working team that supported the organization of the event.

We look forward to getting together again!

Kind regards,

Lourdes Escaffi Venes.
Wednesday February 17, 2021
3:00 pm—6:00 pm  Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 pm—8:30 pm  Inaugural Ceremony & Cocktail

Thursday February 18, 2021
8:45 am—1:15 pm  Internacional Seminar
1:15 pm—2:00 pm  Pause
2:00 pm—7:00 pm  Internacional Seminar
7:30 pm—9:00 pm  Networking Cocktail

Friday February 19, 2021
8:30 am—12:30 pm  IABA Council Meeting
12:30 pm—1:00 pm  Pause
1:00 pm—2:30 pm  IABA-LexisNexis Rule of Law Panel and Award Ceremony
2:30 pm—4:30 pm  IABA Council Meeting
5:00 pm—6:30 pm  Law Firms and Commerce Chambers Networking Event
7:00 pm—8:30 pm  Closing Ceremony & Cocktail

English-Spanish interpretation will be available

Sessions and presentation times are based on Eastern Standard Time (EST) - Washington D.C.
# IABA INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

**“Constitution and Democracy in Times of COVID-19: A Way Forward and Effective Protection of Rights”**

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM *

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| 9:00 am – 10:00 am| **Constitutionalism in the Americas and the Impact of COVID-19 on the Effective Protection of Rights.**  
  Expert Panel:  
  - Fernando Saenger Gianoni (Chile)  
  - Robert S. Barker (USA)  
  - Jorge H. Gentile (Argentina)  
  - Tina Francescantonio de Di Battista – Moderator (Venezuela) |
| 10:00 am – 11:00 am| **Rule of Law and Democracy in times of COVID-19**  
  Expert Panel:  
  - Mariano Gómez Hernández (Mexico)  
  - Sergio Díaz Ricci (Argentina)  
  - Flavio Galván Rivera (Mexico)  
  - Enrique Andrade González (Mexico) |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 noon| **Technology and Law: Social Media, Public Interest, Freedom of Expression, Right to Information and other Individual Rights.**  
  Expert Panel:  
  - Mabel Antezana (Bolivia)  
  - Christina Blacklaws (United Kingdom)  
  - Sebastián Salamanca (Colombia)  
  - Jesús Rodríguez Rodríguez – Moderator (Venezuela) |
| 12:00 noon – 1:15 pm| **International Investment Law, International Arbitration, and Protection of Public Health in times of COVID-19**  
  Expert Panel:  
  - Anna Joubin-Bret (Austria)  
  - Ignacio Torterola (Argentina)  
  - Álvaro Galindo (Ecuador)  
  - Bruce Zagaris (EE. UU.)  
  - Theresa Forbes (EE. UU.) – TBC-  
  - Christian Carbajal – Moderator (Brazil) |
<p>| 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm| Break |</p>
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| 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Economy and Law in time of and post COVID-19: Business and Human Rights | - Ana Elizabeth Villalta (El Salvador)  
- Louis Buchman (France)  
- Olga Orozco - OIT (Colombia)  
- Maria Julia Sáenz Rabanal (Peru) |
| 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Democracy and Human Rights in times of COVID-19                        | - Carlos Ayala (Venezuela)  
- Fernando Fragoso (Brazil)  
- Miguel Rodriguez Mackay (Peru)  
- Marco Antonio Sagastume Gemmell (Guatemala) |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Anti-corruption, Compliance and Technology for Transparency in Competitive Bidding. | - Lucinda Low (USA)  
- Angel A. Bruno (Argentina) |
| 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm | Break                                                                   |                                                                               |
| 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | Roundtable on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Rule of Law and International Relations: The Post-Pandemic Challenges. | - H. E. Ambassador Hugo De Zela (Peru)  
- H. E. Ambassador Julio César Pineda (Venezuela)  
- H. E. Ambassador Kris Urs (USA)  
- Lourdes Escaffi Venes – Moderator (USA) |

* Academic Program IABA International Seminar, February 18, 2021 - Some changes may be made (itinerary updates, panelist informational updates, etc.). We suggest visiting our website www.iaba.org where all updates will be posted.

Sessions and presentation times are based on Eastern Standard Time (EST) - Washington D.C.

Interpretation Spanish – English will be available in all panels.
REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print in block letters)

Full Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________ Zip Code ______________ Country: __________________________________

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IMPORTANT NOTES
- Registration fee for IABA Council Members, includes participation in the Seminar, Council Meeting and social events.
- Registration fee IABA Individual Members (non-Council Members) includes participation in the Seminar and social events.
- Registration fee for Non-IABA members includes participation in the Seminar and all social events.
- IABA Junior Members and Members of the IABA Young Lawyers and Students Section. (cannot be older than 35 years of age). Includes Seminar and social events.
- Law Students registered at Universities and Law Schools members of the IABA. Includes participation in the Academic Program and Social Events. Must present a copy of Student ID at the time of registration.

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CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations are subject to a 40% administrative fee, and must be submitted in writing, by e-mail or by fax, no later than February 10, 2021. No refunds will be given after that date.
GENERAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGES

The Seminar will be in English and Spanish, simultaneous translation will be available.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Every participant attending the Seminar will receive a “Certificate of Participation”.

REGISTRATION

All registrations received along with the payment will be confirmed by e-mail. Please send your registration form by e-mail, postal mail or fax to the IABA Executive Office. You might also register online at www.iaba.org.

Methods of Payment: Credit Card, indicated at the registration form, or online by PayPal link at www.iaba.org.

By Check in US Dollars, payable to INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION addressed to 1889 F Street NW, 4th Floor, Washington D.C. 20006.

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