



# MID-YEAR IABA COUNCIL MEETING & INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

## “Constitution and Democracy in Times of COVID-19: A Way Forward and Effective Protection of Rights” *(Virtual Format)*



**February 17-19, 2021**

## INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE

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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 **IA-  
BA 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 extre-  
mely important since we will adopt agree-  
ments for the benefit of our institution. Like-  
wise, 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 Inter-  
national 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 politi-  
cal 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 vir-  
tual Mid-Year Council Meeting and International  
Seminar. The event will give us an opportunity to re-  
view 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 collabora-  
tion 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.

# GENERAL PROGRAM

**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

International 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.



## COUNCIL MEETING & INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR



### IABA INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR “Constitution and Democracy in Times of COVID-19: A Way Forward and Effective Protection of Rights”

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAM \*

Thursday, February 18, 2021	
Time (EST)	Activity / Panel / Speakers
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Welcome Speech
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Constitutionalism in the Americas and the Impact of COVID-19 on the Effective Protection of Rights.</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fernando Saenger Gianoni (<i>Chile</i>)</li><li>- Robert S. Barker (<i>USA</i>)</li><li>- Jorge H. Gentile (<i>Argentina</i>)</li><li>- Tina Francescantonio de Di Battista – Moderator (<i>Venezuela</i>)</li></ul>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Rule of Law and Democracy in times of COVID-19</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mariano Gómez Hernández (<i>Mexico</i>)</li><li>- Sergio Díaz Ricci (<i>Argentina</i>)</li><li>- Flavio Galván Rivera (<i>Mexico</i>)</li><li>- Enrique Andrade González (<i>Mexico</i>)</li></ul>
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Technology and Law: Social Media, Public Interest, Freedom of Expression, Right to Information and other Individual Rights.</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mabel Antezana (<i>Bolivia</i>)</li><li>- Christina Blacklaws (<i>United Kingdom</i>)</li><li>- Sebastián Salamanca (<i>Colombia</i>)</li><li>- Jesús Rodríguez Rodríguez – Moderator (<i>Venezuela</i>)</li></ul>
12:00 noon – 1:15 pm	<b>International Investment Law, International Arbitration, and Protection of Public Health in times of COVID-19</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Anna Joubin-Bret (<i>Austria</i>)</li><li>- Ignacio Torterola (<i>Argentina</i>)</li><li>- Alvaro Galindo (<i>Ecuador</i>)</li><li>- Bruce Zagaris (<i>EE. UU.</i>)</li><li>- Theresa Forbes (<i>EE. UU.</i>) – TBC-</li><li>- Christian Carbajal – Moderator (<i>Brazil</i>)</li></ul>
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Break



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2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Economy and Law in time of and post COVID-19: Business and Human Rights</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ana Elizabeth Villalta (El Salvador)</li><li>- Louis Buchman (France)</li><li>- Olga Orozco - OIT (Colombia)</li><li>- Maria Julia Sáenz Rabanal (Peru)</li></ul>
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Democracy and Human Rights in times of COVID-19</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Carlos Ayala (Venezuela)</li><li>- Fernando Fragoso (Brazil)</li><li>- Miguel Rodriguez Mackay (Peru)</li><li>- Marco Antonio Sagastume Gemmell (Guatemala)</li></ul>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Anti-corruption, Compliance and Technology for Transparency in Competitive Bidding.</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lucinda Low (USA)</li><li>- Angel A. Bruno (Argentina)</li></ul>
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Roundtable on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Rule of Law and International Relations: The Post-Pandemic Challenges.</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- H. E. Ambassador Hugo De Zela (Peru)</li><li>- H. E. Ambassador Julio César Pineda (Venezuela)</li><li>- H. E. Ambassador Kris Urs (USA)</li><li>- Lourdes Escaffi Venes – Moderator (USA)</li></ul>

\* 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](http://www.iaba.org) where all updates will be posted.

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 Interpretation Spanish – English will be available in all panels.





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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print in block letters)

Full Name: Address: City: Zip Code: Country: Tel.: Cel: E-Mail: Law Firm or Company (optional):

REGISTRATION FEES

Table with 3 columns: CATEGORY, Before February 5th, 2021, After February 5th, 2021. Rows include IABA Members and Council Members, IABA Young Lawyers, Non-IABA Member, Law Students from Universities Members of the IABA, and Law Students in general.

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 include 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,
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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](http://www.iaba.org).

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