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INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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XX CONFERENCE — ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The following topics, among others, were dealt with by the different Committees of the XX Conference of the IABA held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 30-May 7, 1977.

COM. I. PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Topic 1. Immigration and nationality problems arising from migration of persons among countries.

Topic 2. Illegal immigration in the United States.

Sec. A Oceanography and the Law of the Sea.

Topic 1. Consideration of major current problems on the Law of the Sea.

Topic 2. Exploration and exploitation of deep sea resources.

Sec. B.

Sec. C.

Sec. D. Inter-American Air Law

Topic 1. Unification of Inter-American Air Law. The Warsaw Convention. The Guatemala Protocol and damages to third parties on land.

COM. II. PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

- Topic 1. Ratification of the six Conventions approved by the First Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-I, 1975)—OAS.
- Topic 2. Analysis of the agenda for the Second Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-II)—OAS.
- Topic 3. Foreign criminal law judgments.

Sec. A. International Judicial Procedure

- Topic 1. Disparate procedural systems, their differences and possible harmonization, focusing on the 1975 OAS Conventions. (CIDIP-I).

COM. III. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

- Topic 1. Nationality and citizenship under the American Constitutions.
- Topic 2. Juridical effects of actions by de facto Governments.
- Topic 3. Constitutional emergencies; scope, limitations and guarantees.
- Topic 4. Constitutional aspects of the right to work and social security.

Sec. A.

Sec. B.

Sec. C. Constitutional Problems of Latin American Integration

- Topic 1. Constitutional implementation of regional agreements.

COM. IV. MUNICIPAL LAW

Sec. A. Housing and Urban Law

- Topic 1. Foreign public and private financing of housing in Latin America.
- Topic 2. The development of a comprehensive plan for a city to regulate urban growth.
- Topic 3. The use of mortgages with adjustable interest rate provisions.

COM V. CIVIL LAW

Sec. A.

Sec. B.

Sec. C. Intellectual and Industrial Property

- Topic 1. International transfer of technology, patents and trademarks (jointly with Com. XI, Topic 3)
- Topic 2. Mexico's new Industrial Property Law.
- Topic 3. Activities of the Inter-American Copyright Institute.
- Topic 4. The new Copyright Law of the United States.

COM. VI. CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL PROCEDURE

Sec. A. Inter-American Commercial Arbitration

- Topic 1. Prospects for ratification of the 1975 Inter-American Convention on International Commercial Arbitration and the role of lawyers.
- Topic 2. Arbitration and the transfer of technology.
- Topic 3. A program of information and education on international commercial arbitration.
- Topic 4. The new UNCITRAL arbitration rules.
- Topic 5. The relationship between treaty law and national law in international commercial arbitration.

COM. VII. COMMERCIAL LAW

Sec. A. Banking and Trust Laws

- Topic 1. Trust for labor compensation for Venezuelan workers.
- Topic 2. Inter-American Draft Uniform Laws on bills of exchange, promissory notes and checks.

Sec. B.

Sec. C.

Sec. D.

Sec. E.

Sec. F. Communications

- Topic 1. Legal framework for hemispheric (CITEL) and regional (COMTELCA-ASETA) telecommunications arrangements.
- Topic 2. Study of multilateral and bilateral telecommunications agreements in the Western Hemisphere.

Sec. G. Capital Markets

- Topic 1. Procedural remedies for vindicating intracorporate rights and duties. (jointly with Com. XI, Topic 2)

COM. VIII. CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

- Topic 1. Compensation for victims of crime.
- Topic 2. Violence.
- Topic 3. Criminal problems resulting from pollution.

COM. IX. LABOR LAW

- Topic 1. Multinational corporations and transnational negotiating.

COM. X. FISCAL LAW

Topic 1. Possible rules for the codification of fiscal legislation in the Americas.

Topic 2. Tax incentives and tax havens.

Sec. A. Taxation

Topic 1. Constitutional principles in fiscal matters for the protection of taxpayers.

Topic 2. Tax problems arising from migration of persons among countries.

Sec. B. . . .**COM. XI. LEGAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION**

Topic 1. The law and transnational enterprises at home and abroad.

Topic 2. Foreign investment and divestment inside and outside the Andean Pact in Latin America (jointly with Com. VII, Sec. G.).

Topic 3. International transfers of technology, patents and trademarks. (jointly with Com. V. Sec. C, Topic 1)

Topic 4. The European Common Market as background for Latin American integration.

Sec. B. Monopoly and Restrictive Commercial Practices

Topic 1. Legal problems relating to commercial boycotts.

Topic 2. Model antitrust law.

COM. XII. LEGAL EDUCATION**Sec. A. . . .****Sec. B. Deans of Law Schools in the Western Hemisphere**

Topic 1. The U.S. Magistrate system.

COM. XIII. LEGAL DOCUMENTATION

COM. XIV. ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS

COM. XV. NATIONAL RESOURCES

Sec. A. Oil and Gas Laws

- Topic 1. Juridical structure of oil and gas joint venture operations in the Americas.
- Topic 2. Current problems of crude oil and product marketing in the Americas.

Sec. B. Laws Concerning Agriculture

- Topic 1. Current status of agrarian reform in Latin America.
- Topic 2. An agricultural trade policy proposal for the United States and Latin America.

Sec. C. Environmental Law

- Topic 1. Proposal for compiling information on environmental law of the Americas for exchange between countries.

Sec. D.

COM. XVI. SPACE LAW

- Topic 1. Current status of aerospace law and aerospace communications. (jointly with Com. VII, Sec. F)

COM. XVII. MILITARY LAW

- Topic 1. Proposed changes to the laws of war: especially the use of conventional weapons and the effect of changes in legal status of insurgents on national sovereignty.
- Topic 2. Constitutional and statutory provisions of American countries that permit use of the Armed Forces to maintain internal order.

- Topic 3. Legal basis for civil action by the Armed Forces.
- Topic 4. Consideration of possible legal bases for cooperation among the American countries, in consultation with other organizations, in combating drug abuse in the Armed Forces.

COM. XVIII. HUMAN RIGHTS

Sec. A. Legal Status of Women

- Topic 1. Study of the legal status of women in the Americas.

COM. XIX. FOOD AND DRUG LAW

- Topic 1. Recent developments in food and drug law.

COM. XX. NUCLEAR LAW

- Topic 1. Improvement of legislations concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.
- Topic 2. Legislation on civil liability for nuclear damages.

COM. XXI. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCEDURE

NOTE: A full report on the results of the Conference will appear in the October 1977 issue of the *Lawyer*.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The Chairman of the Inter-American Law Committee of the American Bar Association has submitted the following for the information of the readers of the *Lawyer of the Americas*:

The Inter-American Law Committee of the American Bar Association (Section of International Law), comprised of American legal specialists in the U. S. and abroad, is engaged in a number of study projects on various Latin American legal subjects.

Among the pending projects are a study of Foreigners' Rights in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, coordinated

by Prof. Robert C. Casad, a study of Technology Transfer in Latin America with Prof. Beverly May Carl as Project Coordinator, a study on Latin American Maritime Finance Laws of which Richard L. Herrmann, Esq. is Project Coordinator, and a study reviewing Trends in State Ownership in Latin America coordinated by Prof. Dale Furnish. Anyone interested in the work of the Inter-American Law Committee should communicate with the undersigned, One Wall Street, Suite 3510, New York, N.Y. 10005.

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