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## INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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### XVI CONFERENCE

Many juridical matters of interest to members of the legal profession in the Western Hemisphere will be discussed at the forthcoming XVI Conference of the Inter-American Bar Association, in Caracas, Venezuela, November 1-8, 1969. The Conference, whose central theme is — LEGAL STRUCTURE OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION will be held under the Presidency of Dr. Jose G. Sarmiento Nuñez, a former Justice of the Supreme Court of Venezuela, and the Federacion de Colegios de Abogados de Venezuela as the host association. The Headquarters will be the MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL, one of the largest and newest hotels in Venezuela with excellent conference facilities. The hotel is located on the coast, near Caracas. The local Organizing Committee is planning a complete program of social activities including entertainment events for the ladies, throughout the period of the Conference.

The 20 Committees of IABA cover almost every field of the law. The Committees meet separately during the Conference to discuss the works presented by its members and draft resolutions which are considered by the Council and, subsequently, by the Assembly. The Agenda for the XVI Conference, which will be considered by these Committees, includes among others, topics on legal problems related to economic integration; constitutional problems of Latin American integration; studies to facilitate economic integration through appropriate commercial contract legislation and corporation law; legal problems concerning the use of international rivers and lakes for agricultural, industrial and commercial purposes; revision of Inter-American convention on industrial property in the light of scientific and technological progress; uniform system for civil and commercial obligations; Inter-American commercial arbitration; final draft for a model tax treaty; draft of model bilateral procedural treaty; codification of administrative law; monopoly and restrictive commercial practices; harmonization of Latin American food and drug law; human rights; criminal law; housing law; legal education; legal structure of military cooperation within the Inter-American system; Inter-American air law; satellites communications; International

Symposium on space law; Latin American common market on nuclear energy; and social security for lawyers.

The IABA maintains close relations with the Organization of American States and other international organizations. A number of these organizations will be sending observers to participate at the XVI Conference in Caracas.

A detailed list of the topics for the XVI Conference follows:

Central Theme

LEGAL STRUCTURE OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION

I. PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

*Section A. General Problems*

- Topic 1. The law of the sea.
- Topic 2. Safety of life at sea.
- Topic 3. The modern law of ocean space.
- Topic 4. Legal problems of oceanography.
- Topic 5. Immigration, nationality and refugee resettlement.

*Section B. Uses of Waters of International Rivers and Lakes*

- Topic 1. Legal problems concerning the use of international rivers and lakes for industrial, agricultural and commercial purposes.
- Topic 2. Legal aspects of the problem of contamination of waters of international rivers and lakes.

*Section C. United Nations and Hemispheric Organizations*

- Topic Cooperation of lawyers, professors and bar associations with the Inter-American Juridical Committee (OAS) in the promotion of codification of international law, the study of the juridical problems related to economic integration, and the possibility of uniformity of legislation.

*Section D. Juridical Defense of Western Democracy*

*Section E. Inter-American Air Law*

- Topic Recent developments in the field of aviation law.

II. PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

*Section A. General Problems*

- Topic 1. Revision of the rules on private international law or

conflicts of laws in America. Revision of the Code of Private International Law of 1928 (Bustamante Code) by means of special conventions for specific topics.

- Topic 2. The US role of conflicts and jurisdiction insofar as it affects corresponding Latin American problems.

*Section B. International Judicial Procedure*

- Topic 1. Draft of model bilateral procedural treaty.  
 Topic 2. Juridical system of the powers of attorney granted within a State to be effective in another State.  
 Topic 3. Letters rogatory.

### III. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

*Section A. Defense of Independence of the Judiciary and Irremovability of Judges.*

- Topic Application of Cybernetics to Legal-Science policy decision.

*Section B. Delay and Congestion in the Courts*

- Topic The desirability of creating a Western Hemisphere Central Computer Clearing House on Court delay and congestion.

*Section C. Constitutional Problems of Latin American Integration*

### IV. MUNICIPAL LAW

*Section A. Housing Law*

- Topic Development and growth of the inter-American savings and loan system.

### V. CIVIL LAW

*Section A. General Problems*

- Topic 1. Advisability of establishing in each country a uniform system for civil and commercial obligations.  
 Topic 2. Uniform legislation of the American countries in the rules governing civil liability resulting from automobile accidents.  
 Topic 3. Basis for regulating civil responsibility for hazardous activities.

*Section B. Persons, Family and Succession*

Topic 1. Study of harmonization of various concepts of laws of descent and inheritance in the Americas. (Res. 17)

*Section C. Intellectual and Industrial Property*

Topic 1. Action taken towards the adoption of draft of a model law on trade marks, trade names, and acts of unfair competition for developing countries. (Res. 18)

Topic 2. Influence exerted on systems for the protection of industrial property by the industrial competition and the intensification of international transfer of technology. Legal solutions.

Topic 3. The inter-American conventions on the protection of industrial property, their revision in the light of the industrial and technological progress, and harmonization with the world system of protection.

## VI. CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL PROCEDURE

*Section A. Inter-American Commercial Arbitration*

Topic 1. Draft inter-American convention on international commercial arbitration prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee (OAS).

Topic 2. Enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.

## VII. COMMERCIAL LAW

*Section A. General Problems*

Topic 1. Harmonization of legislation of Latin American countries respecting commercial contracts.

Topic 2. International sale of goods.

Topic 3. Negotiable instruments in America. Promotion of uniformity of standards through conventions.

Topic 4. Development in Latin America of legal standards and regulations for buying and selling securities.

*Section B. Banking Laws and Trust**Section C. Transportation and Communications*

Topic 1. Improvement of legal standards respecting inter-American transportation by water, rail and highway.

*Section D. Corporation Law*

Topic 1. Harmonization of legislation of Latin American countries respecting corporations.

- Topic 2. Legal problems related to international corporations.
- Section E. Insurance*
- Section F. Bankruptcy*

#### VIII. CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

- Topic 1. Relation and application of psychiatry and physiology to the field of the criminal sciences. (Res. 27)
- Topic 2. Insanity defense as it exists in the Western Hemisphere.

#### IX. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCEDURE

- Topic 1. Codification of administrative law. (Res. 31)

#### X. FISCAL LAW

##### *Section A. Taxation*

- Topic 1. Final draft for a model tax treaty. (Res. 32)
- Topic 2. Effects of inflation on the tax burden. (Res. 33)

#### XI. LEGAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION

##### *Section A. General Problems*

- Topic 1. Legal problems regarding the interconnection of highways.
- Topic 2. Legal problems regarding the protection of natural resources.
- Topic 3. Method of organizing multinational private companies.
- Topic 4. The Consensus of Viña del Mar and the Report of the Rockefeller Mission.

##### *Section B. Legal Aspects of Economic Development and Integration*

- Topic 1. Basic legal problems of Latin American economic integration.
- Topic 2. Harmonization of national treatment to foreign capital.
- Topic 3. Contributions from practices under full faith and credit clauses to solutions of common market juridical problems.

##### *Section C. Labor Law*

- Topic 1. Harmonization of labor laws in order to promote

- integration and development in Latin America (Res. 34)
- Topic 2. Study of the problems related to the form of insuring and maintaining the social and economic rights of workers. (Res. 35a)
- Section D. Monopoly and Restrictive Commercial Practices*
- Topic 1. A summary analysis of antitrust laws of each of the Latin American countries, with special emphasis on how these laws are applied in practice.
- Topic 2. The laws and governmental policies relating to joint ventures in the countries of the Americas.
- Topic 3. Antitrust and trade regulation problems of doing business in a common market.

## XII. LEGAL EDUCATION

- Section A. Inter-American Academy of International and Comparative Law*
- Section B. Deans of Law Schools in the Western Hemisphere*
- Topic 1. Conference of deans of Law Schools and Professors of Law, Rio de Janeiro, June 1969. Main subject: "The contribution of legal education to the principal theme of the XVI conference of IABA."
- Topic 2. Compulsory courses on Ethics in the curricula of the Law Schools.

## XIII. LEGAL DOCUMENTATION

- Topic 1. Improvement in the systems of publication of legislation in the American countries. (Res. 43)
- Topic 2. Development of an effective system of publication of legal documents of the American countries in the official languages of America, as a means to cooperate with Law Schools and the legal profession.

## XIV. ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS

- Section A. Younger Lawyers*
- Section B. Professional Standards of Conduct*
- Topic 1. Professional secrecy.

- Topic 2. Instances of sanctions to criminal lawyers.
- Topic 3. Publication or secrecy on the legal forum.
- Topic 4. Quota Litis.
- Topic 5. Clearing House of national codes of Ethics.

*Section C. Assistance and Social Security for Lawyers*

- Topic 1. The hearing process in social security.
- Topic 2. Social security systems for lawyers in American countries.
- Topic 3. Social security procedures.

*Section D. Legal Aid*

- Topic 1. Legal aid to the poor.

XV. NATURAL RESOURCES

*Section A. Oil and Gas Laws*

*Section B. Laws Concerning Agriculture*

XVI. SPACE LAW

*Section A. General Problems*

- Topic 1. Seventh International Symposium on Space Law, Rio de Janeiro, June, 1969.
- Topic 2. Assistance to astronauts during their activities in outer space and celestial bodies. Elaboration of the principle established in the second paragraph of Art. V of Outer Space Treaty of 1967.

*Section B. Space Communications*

- Topic 1. Legal problems of direct communication through satellites to radio and television receivers without the use of earth stations.
- Topic 2. Legal aspects of telecommunications in Latin America.

XVII. MILITARY LAW

- Topic 1. "Legal structure of military cooperation within the Inter-American system".
- Topic 2. The concept of military aggression in the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, in relation to recent methods of aggression, such as guerrilla warfare and subversive activities.



## XVIII. HUMAN RIGHTS

*Section A. General Problems*

- Topic 1. Inter-American Specialized Conference to approve a Convention on Human Rights. (OAS).
- Topic 2. The impact on the freedom of expression of thoughts and ideas by technological progress, specially computers and other electronic devices.

*Section B. Court on Human Rights in America*

## XIX. FOOD AND DRUG LAW

- Topic 1. Harmonization of the Latin American Food and Drug Laws.

## XX. NUCLEAR LAW

- Topic 1. Latin American Common Market on Nuclear Energy. (Revised text of Report and draft treaty — Res. 48)
- Topic 2. The development of nuclear energy law through the work program and activities of the Special Legal Committee of the Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission (OAS). Cooperation of the legal profession.

NOTE: Res. — refers to Resolutions of XV Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, April, 1967.