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PRACTITIONER ARTICLES AND STUDENT NOTES

The Inter-American Law Review (IALR) has a special place at the University of Miami School of Law. The journal and the law school both represent the important connection between the United States and the rest of the Americas. Indeed, Miami is known internationally as the Gateway to the Americas. IALR has continuously analyzed the legal, social, and economic connections among people in the Western Hemisphere and beyond. Volume 46:1 (Fall 2014) touches on legal education in the United States, criminal punishment in the Commonwealth Caribbean, Bilateral Trade Agreements in Brazil, shipwreck disputes and treasure recovery laws, and Canada's legal rights over the Northwest Passage.

In *Educación Legal en los Estados Unidos I: Facultades de Derecho y el Juris Doctor*, Maria Elena Cobas Cobiella and M.C. Mirow offer Part I of their two part article that delves into the unique methodologies that exist in American law schools. They offer a unique perspective as they aim to educate foreign professors on the structure and rigor of American legal education. IALR is excited about the opportunity to publish this informative article.

Our next article, *A Matter of Discretion: The De Facto Abolition of the Mandatory Death Penalty in Barbados – A study of the Boyce and Joseph Cases*, guides us through the history and application of the Mandatory Death Penalty in the Commonwealth Caribbean.

Our last article, *Indirect Expropriation and Resource Nationalism in Brazil's Mining Industry*, is a timely article that provides a comprehensive analysis of the Bilateral Trade Agreements—also known as Bilateral Investment Treaties—with Brazil. As Brazil has positioned itself as a top destination for foreign investment in its mining industry, this article provides a relevant analysis for both practitioners and academics.

In addition to the three articles, we offer two student notes,

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the first written by Christopher Noel, an Executive Editor at IALR. Christopher offers more than just a note—he offers a prescriptive guide to those involved in disputes over shipwrecks. Christopher guides us through the murky maritime case law that is intended to form the basis for treasure salvage law.

Third-year student and IALR Articles and Comments Editor Caitlin O’Leary walks us through the contested Northwest Passage shipping route. Her article, *The New Ice Age: The Dawn of Arctic Shipping and Canada’s Fight for Sovereignty Over the Northwest Passage*, analyzes Canada’s legal ownership over the Northwest Passage under international law.

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