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SYMPOSIUM

Sin Límites: Law & Business at the Gateway to the Americas

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

INTRODUCTION

The *University of Miami Law Review* has hosted a symposium every year since 2006. On February 8 and 9, 2019, the *University of Miami Law Review* held its thirteenth symposium, *Sin Límites: Law & Business at the Gateway to the Americas*. The symposium was structured as an interdisciplinary event, where prominent legal scholars, local practitioners, and other professionals gathered to discuss a broad range of legal and business issues. The first part of the event's title, *Sin Límites* ("without limits" in English), was chosen to illustrate Miami's rapid ascension to one of the United States' most important commercial centers. The second part of the event's title, *Law & Business at the Gateway to the Americas*, is a reference to Miami's role as a step-off point for U.S. investors looking to do business internationally and vice-versa. Due to its geographic proximity and strong cultural ties to Latin America, Miami has become a nerve center for large corporates doing business in the region and a base camp for multilingual professionals who serve clients around the globe.

The event's four panels, *Hemispheric Growth Opportunities*, *Cross-Border Negotiation & Investment*, *Governmental Relations & Implications*, and *International Disputes*, were designed to highlight four specific areas of opportunity as Miami continues to transform into an international hub for legal, financial, and other professional services. Each panel contained four panelists and one moderator, a

format that elicited thoughtful discussions between the panelists and the audience.

Panel I: Hemispheric Growth Opportunities

This panel articulated Miami's increasing importance in hemispheric affairs. Panelists discussed the city's potential for international growth, the relationship between Miami and the Americas, and opportunities for law professionals and entrepreneurs as Miami becomes a hub for global innovation. Jaret Davis, Co-Managing Shareholder of the Miami office of Greenberg Traurig and member of the firm's global Executive Committee, served as the moderator of this panel. Panelists included individuals who continue to play a significant role in transforming Miami into a hub for global innovation: Dr. María de Lourdes Dieck-Assad, the inaugural Vice President for Hemispheric and Global Affairs at the University of Miami; Melissa Medina, the President of eMerge Americas; Leigh-Ann Buchanan, the Founding Executive Director of Venture Café Miami; and Mark Cheskin, a Litigation and International Arbitration Partner within the Miami office of Hogan Lovells.

Panel II: Cross-Border Negotiation & Investment

This panel focused on the importance of political stability and strong rule of law when financing and investing in projects in Latin America. Panelists discussed the advantages and difficulties arising from the accession of new political regimes in several key jurisdictions and best practices to both optimize and protect client returns when doing business in the region. The moderator of this panel was Hernán Pantaleón, the founder of Hernán Pantaleón Abogados and Adjunct Faculty member within the University of Miami School of Law. Panelists included Fradyn Suárez, Banking, Finance, & Securities Partner at Jones Day Miami; Ainhoa Corrales, Head of Project Finance Americas at Banco Sabadell; Eduardo Pupo, a senior partner on PricewaterhouseCooper's global team based in New York City; and Paulo Leme, Finance Executive in Residence at the Miami Herbert Business School and former CEO and Chairman of Goldman Sachs do Brasil Banco Múltiplo S.A.

Panel III: Governmental Relations & Implications

This panel examined local and international regulatory frameworks that affect the flow of capital, goods, and services between the United States and Latin America. Panelists explored a variety of issues—corruption scandals, bilateral tax and investment treaties, employment laws, and intellectual property protections—as well as the effects of new policies that aid and limit the interaction between U.S. and Latin American investors. Patricia Abril, Professor of Business Law and Vice Dean of Graduate Business Programs at the Miami Herbert School of Business, served as the moderator of this panel. Panelists included the following practitioners, professionals, and legal scholars: Sergio Alvarez-Mena, a Financial Institutions Litigation & Regulation Partner at Jones Day Miami; Jose Acosta, President of Public Affairs & Operations at UPS Latin America; Patricia Brown, Director of the Graduate Program in Taxation and Taxation of Cross-Border Investment at the University of Miami School of Law; and Juan Carlos Hartasánchez, Senior Director at Albright Stonebridge Group.

Panel IV: International Disputes

This panel discussed specific issues that arise while navigating through international disputes in the Americas. Panelists opined on the benefits and limitations of international arbitration *vis-à-vis* international litigation, the challenges associated with enforcing arbitral awards, and Miami's recent rise to prominence as a premier venue for Latin American dispute settlement. Marike Paulsson, Senior Advisor at Albright Stonebridge Group and former Director of the University of Miami School of Law's International Arbitration Institute, acted as the moderator of this panel. Panelists included the following prominent strategic advisors: Jonathan Hamilton, Partner and Head of Latin American Arbitration at White & Case; Rick Puente, Global Disputes Partner at Jones Day Miami; Dr. Antonio Ortiz-Mena, Senior Vice President at Albright Stonebridge Group; and Dawn Yamane Hewett, Of Counsel within the Washington, D.C. office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan.

CONCLUSION

We are grateful to all of the participants in the 2019 symposium, especially to our own Miami Law professors and *University of Miami Law Review* alumni. We are forever grateful for your support and guidance. This Symposium Issue would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated and skilled Editorial Board and our Programs Director, Farah Barquero. Thank you all for everything you do.

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