

LOOKING BEYOND OUR BORDERS



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GLOBALIZATION IS HERE TO STAY. OUR STATE'S SHARED BORDER WITH MEXICO CREATES A NATURAL AND LUCRATIVE TRADE PARTNERSHIP.

The number of Texas corporations, with their business interests abroad, joint venture partners, and employees around the world, makes the possibility of encountering an international legal issue likely. Similarly, foreign citizens who live and work within our borders may face a variety of legal issues, from employment to criminal matters. Consequently, Texas young lawyers will be well served to understand some aspects of international law.

To provide the best advice to our clients in this global economy, Texas young lawyers must be knowledgeable of the economic, social, and political events around the world, as well as the different cultures, customs, and local practices. Recognizing this fact, TYLA partnered with the International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas for two events this year. The first event occurred in November 2012 in Houston at the office of Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. The TYLA Diversity Committee and International Law Section hosted a networking CLE lunch featuring an expert panel discussion titled, "Rule of Law in a Diverse World." The Rule of Law may have a different meaning depending upon the country in which you are doing business. A recurring theme during the event was the importance of transparency and predictability of the law in international transactions, dispute resolution, regulatory affairs, and human rights. The panelists included **George Gonzalez**, a partner at Haynes and Boone, L.L.P.; Hon. Luz Nagle, professor of law at Stetson University; **Ignacio Pinto-Leon**, assistant director at the University of Houston Center for U.S. and Mexican Law; and **William Russell**, an attorney at Schirrmeyer Diaz-Arrastia Brem, L.L.P. Special thanks to **Alfonso Cabañas** of San Antonio, **Lacy Durham** of Dallas, and **Celina Lopez, Erin O'Driscoll, Justin Marles, and Paul Tu** of Houston for their hard work in making this program a success.

In conjunction with the International Law Section's 25th Annual International Law Institute, TYLA and the International Law Section have teamed up to present the inaugural "Nuts and Bolts of International Law." The CLE seminar will take place on March 20, 2013, at the Houston office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, L.L.P. I encourage young lawyers to attend the seminar in order to gain valuable information regarding a career path in international law, how to draft enforceable international contracts, how to avoid compliance traps, and ethics in international matters. A networking reception will follow. Special thanks to Erin O'Driscoll for her work with the International Law Section in planning the seminar.

TYLA is excited about its partnership with the International Law Section as our members will expand their knowledge on matters that may affect their practice now and in the future. For more information about the Nuts and Bolts of International Law and the International Law Section's Annual Institute, please visit regonline.com/ils2013.

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