



## **Biennial IBA Latin American Regional Forum Conference** Latin America: challenges and developments in a time of opportunities **14–16 March 2012, Bogota, Colombia**

# Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship

The Latin American Regional Forum of the International Bar Association (IBA), the world's largest organisation of Law Societies, Bar Associations and individual lawyers engaged in transnational law, will hold its Biennial Conference in Bogota, Colombia from 14–16 March 2012.

Lawyers from the region and general counsel from leading companies in Latin America will discuss the challenges of practising law in difficult times and environments, where the balance between the preservation of existing investments and the encouragement of new ones must be established.

The Latin American Regional Forum of the IBA will award the scholarship to a young lawyer practising in Latin America who wishes to participate in this conference but is unable to do so owing to financial constraint.

The IBA therefore invites interested persons to apply for a scholarship, which will cover registration fees and provide a contribution towards travel and accommodation.

### **Background – Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship**

*Rogelio, a very enthusiastic member of the Latin American Regional Forum, passed away in June 2009. He served as Chair of the forum from 2003–4 and formed part of the generation of Latin lawyers who, over the past 15 years, have been most supportive in promoting the IBA throughout the Latin American region – resulting in the creation of the Latin American Regional Forum itself. Rogelio undertook the enormous task of organising, with great success, the 5th Regional Conference which took place in Panama City, in March 2004. He also worked with Jack Batievsy in the organisation of the Cuzco Regional Conference. A very good friend to many of us at the IBA, Rogelio was a leading corporate tax lawyer in Panama. Under his leadership and after, Rogelio put a lot of effort into the development and proliferation of the successful activities of the IBA throughout the region, including the Tax Committee.*

**The application must be accompanied by a 8,000-9,000 word paper in English on the following topic:**

- **Investment in infrastructure: the way of Latin America towards development.**

**Investment in infrastructure has fallen in the past years in Latin America and infrastructure services are lagging behind those in Asia, middle east and China. This reduction in investment in infrastructure has been seen as one of the main factors slowing Latin America's economic growth. This paper shall focus on the regulatory measures that have been adopted in different countries in order to foster investment in infrastructure.**

Applications received by **MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2012** will be submitted to the scholarship committee. Applications will be reviewed and the winner will be decided by the Latin American Forum Scholarship Committee.

The Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship is kindly sponsored by Arias, Fábrega & Fábrega where Rogelio was partner from 1990–2009.

**Completed applications must be submitted in electronic format by MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2012 to:**

**Suzana Su**

**International Bar Association**

Rua Helena, 170, 14º andar, São Paulo, SP 04552-050, Brasil

Tel: +55 (11) 3046 3322 Fax: +55 (11) 3044 0803 E-mail: [suzana.su@int-bar.org](mailto:suzana.su@int-bar.org)

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## Criteria

- (1) The Latin American Regional Forum Scholarship to attend the Biennial IBA Latin American Regional Forum Conference - Latin America: challenges and developments in a time of opportunities from 14–16 March 2012 is free to enter. It is open to all lawyers up to and including the age of 35 who practise in a Latin American country whether or not they are members of the IBA.
- (2) Applications should be sent by e-mail or fax to Suzana Su, Membership & Conferences Administrator at the IBA Latin America office ([suzana.su@int-bar.org](mailto:suzana.su@int-bar.org)).
- (3) Applications should be written in English and be accompanied by a 8,000-9,000 word paper on: **'Investment in infrastructure: the way of Latin America towards development'**.  
Papers must be original, unpublished works. They will not be under consideration for any Commercial Contract by any publishing house. The author is warranting his/her restricted copyright to the paper submitted.
- (4) Applications must be submitted and received by **Monday 6 February 2012**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.
- (5) All applications will be submitted to the Scholarship Committee which will consist of members of the Latin American Regional Forum. They will judge the papers primarily on the basis of legal argumentation, research, style, logic, originality and overall quality of the content.
- (6) It is planned that the IBA Office will communicate the conference selection panel decision to the successful applicant by **Friday 17 February 2012**.
- (7) The decision of the judging committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The decision will be published on the IBA website. The successful applicants will be contacted at the e-mail address given on the application form.
- (8) The Scholarship Award includes:
  - Free registration for the Biennial IBA Latin American Regional Forum Conference - Latin America: challenges and developments in a time of opportunities, 14–16 March 2012, Bogota, Colombia
  - A contribution towards travel and accommodation costs to the conference.
- (9) The completed application form must be returned by **Monday 6 February 2012** to:  
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- (10) Each participant may only submit one application. Employees of the IBA or officers of any IBA committee are excluded from entering.
- (11) The IBA or the Scholarship Committee and the organisers of the scholarship are not responsible for the loss, damage or non-arrival, nor for any costs or expenses incurred in the preparation or the submission of your application.



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## Criteria - continued

- (12) Please note if you are awarded the Latin American Regional Forum Scholarship you will be required to confirm your attendance by providing a copy of your travel documents for your flight to Colombia and visa (should you need to apply for one). These documents must be sent to Suzana Su ([suzana.su@int-bar.org](mailto:suzana.su@int-bar.org)) by **Friday 2 March 2012**.
- (13) The IBA and the Latin American Regional Forum has the right to publish a selection of the papers submitted, including but not limited to the winning paper (either the full text or extracts thereof) up to 18 months after the competition has ended; this includes but is not limited to the publication in the conference documentation and/or on the IBA website and/or other IBA publications. In any event, the name of the author will be indicated appropriately. Authors shall include a biographical note giving details of their legal career, studies and professional appointments. Papers received that are not in this form may not be considered.
- (14) If you are awarded the Latin American Regional Forum Scholarship please note that you may be required to provide a certificate of your proficiency in English (if English is not your first language) and evidence that you are able to practise law.
- (15) The successful candidate shall be required to write a brief report of the conference attended (max 1000 words) and shall submit such report to Suzana Su ([suzana.su@int-bar.org](mailto:suzana.su@int-bar.org)) no later than one month after the conference.
- (16) The paper submitted by the winning candidate will be published in the IBA Latin American Regional Forum newsletter and on its webpage. Also in the electronic version of the Latin Lawyer and the winner will be mentioned in the Latin Lawyer briefing.
- (17) Participants will be expected to have read and accepted all the above rules.



## Legal Practice Division (LPD) Committees and Fora

- African Regional Forum
- Antitrust
- Arab Regional Forum
- Arbitration
- Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law
- Asia Pacific Regional Forum
- Aviation Law
- Banking Law
- Business Crime
- Capital Markets Forum
- Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises
- Communications Law
- Consumer Litigation
- Corporate and M&A Law
- Corporate Counsel Forum  
*(Only applicable to corporate counsel lawyers)*
- Criminal Law
- Discrimination Law
- Employment and Industrial Relations Law
- Environment, Health and Safety Law
- European Regional Forum
- Family Law
- Global Employment Institute
- Global Forum for Competition and Trade Policy
- Human Rights Law
- Immigration and Nationality Law
- Indigenous Peoples
- Individual Tax and Private Client
- Insolvency Restructuring and Creditors' Rights Section (SIRC)
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law
- International Construction Projects
- International Franchising
- International Sales
- Investment Funds
- Latin American Regional Forum
- Leisure Industries Section
- Litigation
- Maritime and Transport Law
- Media Law
- Mediation
- Medicine and the Law
- Mining Law
- Negligence and Damages
- North American Regional Forum
- Oil and Gas Law
- Power Law
- Product Law and Advertising
- Public Law
- Real Estate
- Securities Law
- Space Law
- Taxes
- Technology Law
- Trade and Customs Law
- Water Law

## Public and Professional Interest Division (PPID) Committees and Other Entities

- Academic and Professional Development
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- Bar Issues Commission
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Forum for Barristers and Advocates
- Human Rights Institute
- Judges' Forum
- Law Firm Management
- Multidisciplinary Practices
- Pro Bono and Access to Justice
- Professional Ethics
- Rule of Law Action Group
- Senior Lawyers
- War Crimes
- Women Lawyers' Interest Group
- World Organisations
- Young Lawyers



# Rogelio de la Guardia Scholarship Application Form

**Please type or complete in BLOCK CAPITALS**

Each question must be answered in detail *continuing on a separate sheet if necessary*

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## Personal

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

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## Firm

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

Position within firm \_\_\_\_\_ Date of joining the firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address of firm

Street \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal / Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address for correspondence (*if different from above*)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal / Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## Education

Particulars of university education, including dates \_\_\_\_\_

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## Practice

Years of practice \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of practice \_\_\_\_\_

Countries admitted to practice \_\_\_\_\_

Other previous legal experience \_\_\_\_\_

Offices held with any national / local professional law association \_\_\_\_\_

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**Language** (if English is not your mother tongue, a **certificate of proficiency** must be attached)

Level of fluency in English (ie fluent/good/working knowledge) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other foreign languages? \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Are you a member of the IBA? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any other IBA conferences?  Yes  No If yes, where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the IBA's Scholarship Programme? \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify details of any previous scholarships and/or prizes awarded and details of time spent studying/working abroad.

We may seek a reference (ie from the senior member of your firm, professor or other equivalent).

Please supply name and address details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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