



# International Bar Association Alberto Lasheras-Shine Scholarship

## Mergers and acquisitions in Latin America – building bridges through business: rethinking M&A in the Americas

23–25 March 2026, Punta del Este, Uruguay

The IBA Latin American Regional Forum is delighted to announce that one scholarship will be awarded to a young lawyer who wishes to participate in this IBA conference, but who is unable to do so owing to financial constraint.

### Alberto Lasheras-Shine (1950–2011)

Alberto Lasheras-Shine was an active member of the IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee and a dear friend of the IBA. During the last years of Alberto's career, he served as an officer of the IBA Corporate Law Section.

Alberto joined Estudio Beccar Varela in 1970 and became a partner with that firm in 1979. He focused his career on the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate law and international trade.

Members of Estudio Beccar Varela describe him as an 'ambassador of both the firm and Argentina' because of his gracious demeanour, terrific sense of humour and genuine personality.

### The conference

This conference brings together experts from throughout the American region and beyond.

The economies of most Latin American countries continue to grow at a pace that outstrips that of many other, more developed countries in other regions of the world. Over the last few years, Latin America has affirmed its place as a key and strategic player in the world economy. Despite a perceived global slow-down in M&A transactions, tremendous opportunities for cross-border financing and M&A remain. This is particularly in strategic sectors, as the region becomes more integrated due to the increasing network of free trade agreements and, more recently, double-taxation treaties being signed by Latin American countries.

The conference will focus on the role of global, regional and local private equity firms, among other players, recent developments in the M&A Latin American landscape as well as covering various other topics of interest to M&A lawyers.

### The scholarship

The IBA therefore invites interested persons to apply for a scholarship, which will cover registration, provide a contribution towards travel and accommodation costs to attend the conference and social events and registration to the Annual IBA Latin American Regional Forum Young Lawyers' Training Programme in the morning of **24 MARCH 2026**.

All applications received by **MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025** will be submitted to the scholarship committee and each candidate must meet the requirements set out in the criteria overleaf.

The application must be accompanied by a 2,500 word paper in English on the following: **Sustainable M&A: building bridges between profit and purpose in Latin America**.

The completed application form must be returned by **MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025** to:

[sao.paulo@int-bar.org](mailto:sao.paulo@int-bar.org)

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### Criteria

- (1) The Alberto Lasheras-Shine Scholarship to attend the Mergers and acquisitions in Latin America – building bridges through business: rethinking M&A in the Americas, 23–25 March 2026, Punta del Este, Uruguay, is free to enter. It is open to all lawyers up to and including the age of 35, practicing in a Latin American country, whether they are members of the IBA or not.
- (2) Applications should be written in English and be accompanied by a 2,500 word paper on the following topic: **Sustainable M&A: building bridges between profit and purpose in Latin America.**

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.
- (3) The word paper **shall not have the name of the applicant printed on it, to ensure that the members of the judging committee do not have access to the names of the applicants during the decision process.** The name of the applicant should be indicated only in the corresponding email, but not in the attached word paper. The IBA office in São Paulo will identify the applicants by a number and will keep the names of the applicants undisclosed, until the judging committee reaches a decision.
- (4) Applications must be submitted and received by **1 DECEMBER 2025**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.
- (5) All applications will be submitted to the Scholarship Committee which will consist of IBA Latin American Regional Forum officers. 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 **19 JANUARY 2026**.
- (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 email address given on the application form.
- (8) The Scholarship Award includes:
  - Free registration for the Mergers and acquisitions in Latin America – building bridges through business: rethinking M&A in the Americas, 23–25 March 2026, Punta del Este, Uruguay; and
  - A contribution towards travel to the conference and accommodation costs for the nights of **23–25 MARCH 2026**.
- (9) The completed application form must be returned by **1 DECEMBER 2025** by email to: **sao.paulo@int-bar.org**, International Bar Association, Rua Helena 170, 14º andar / São Paulo, SP 04552-050, Brazil Tel: +55 (11) 3046 3321 or +55 (11) 2384 9122.
- (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, or for any costs or expenses incurred in the preparation or the submission of your application.
- (12) Please note if you are awarded the Alberto Lasheras-Shine Scholarship you will be required to confirm your attendance by providing a copy of your air tickets for your accommodation to be booked and visa letter issued (should you need to apply for one). These documents must be sent to **sao.paulo@int-bar.org** by **20 FEBRUARY 2026**.
- (13) The IBA 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 Alberto Lasheras-Shine 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) Participants will be expected to have read and accepted all the above rules.

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Paper title \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address for correspondence (*if different from above*)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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

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.

### Reference

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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