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**HNBA NEW INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW SECTION IS ESTABLISHED**

*Washington D.C., May 12, 2008* -Building on the results of last January's successful **2008 HNBA IBEROAMERICAN CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**, in which top Hispanic lawyers from the US, Latin America and Europe gathered in Mexico City to share best practices and debate important international business legal issues, **the HNBA has established a Section devoted to International Business Law.**

The new Section's will be **chaired by HNBA President of Region I, Salomon Chiquiar-Rabinovich, of the law firm Seyfarth Shaw**, who served as Co-Chair of the Congress in Mexico. "Salomon's distinguished academic and professional background in international affairs and law make him a natural choice to lead our international efforts after the Mexico Congress", said Victor Marquez, National President of the HNBA.



### **Panelists and moderators at ROUNDTABLE ON EXPERIENCES OF IN-HOUSE COUNSEL IN LATIN**

**AMERICA:** (L-R): HNBA National President Victor Marquez; **DuPont** Latin America GC Guillermo Kareh; **Wal-Mart** Sr. GC for Latin America Luis Artime; **Pitney-Bowes** GC for Latin America Suzette Recinos; **Procter & Gamble** GC for Latin America Bernardo Galavis; **DuPont** Sr. GC Ramona Roman; **Kodak** Director, Legal Affairs for Latin America Victoria Battaglia; **Wal-Mart** VP & GC International Dept. Alberto Mora; **Chrysler** GC International Jose Ceppi; **Mexican Corporate Counsel Association** (ANADE) President Guillermo Narvaez; and Congress Co-chair, HNBA President Region I, **Seyfarth Shaw's** Salomon Chiquiar-Rabinovich.

As the above photo shows, many of the leading Hispanic American corporate attorneys from multinational companies, law firms, government and academia, assembled in Mexico City to discuss a broad range of issues from Labor and Employment Law, Corporate Compliance, Intellectual Property, Off-shore Outsourcing and Corporate Social Responsibility. Distinguished speakers were invited from among the most prominent multinational companies with top-level Hispanic talent including: Chrysler, DuPont, Kodak, Pitney-Bowes, Procter and Gamble, and Wal-Mart Stores.

“We need to maintain the momentum we created through the Congress in Mexico which was a success,” affirmed Marquez, “we brought together an extremely prestigious and talented group of Hispanic American lawyers and achieved all of our major objectives”. According to Marquez, those goals included: Exchanging best practices on legal compliance and corporate social responsibility; collaborating with the leaders of the bar associations throughout Spain, Portugal and Latin America; and providing ample opportunities for networking among a distinguished group of Hispanic American legal elite from multinational companies, law firms, academia, and government; as well as supporting the continuing legal education on timely and relevant international legal issues. “This are the issues that our International Business Law Section will continue to undertake” Marquez emphasized. Members of this new HNBA Section will announced as the appointments are accepted. It will include in-house and external counsel involved in International Business.

### **About the HNBA**

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership organization that represents the interests of the more than 38,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, and law students in the United States and its territories. From the days of its founding three decades ago, the HNBA has acted as a force for positive change within the legal profession. It does so by encouraging Latino students to choose a career in the law and by promoting their advancement within the profession once they graduate and start practicing. Through a combination of issue advocacy, programmatic activities, networking events, and educational conferences, the HNBA has helped generations of lawyers succeed. Our organization is stronger today than at any point in its history and is as committed as ever to its mission.

The HNBA is divided into nineteen regions and each region has a president that is elected by local members. Nationally, the organization is directed by a board of governors, which consists of executive officers - elected by the entire membership - and the regional presidents. In addition, numerous local Hispanic bar associations are affiliated with the HNBA, and those affiliates have voting representation on the board. For students, there is a law student division. That division offers a support environment that better enables students to meet the challenges of law school and beyond.

## Bio of the Chair of the International Law Section

### **Salomon Chiquiar-Rabinovich**

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An associate in the Boston office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP and a member of the International Group of the firm, where he practices all aspects of immigration and nationality law. He is the Co-chair of the International Immigration Practice Group of the *Ius Laboris*, an alliance of law firms specializing in Labor and Employment Law in 43 countries. Mr. Chiquiar-Rabinovich, a native of Mexico, possesses other legal experience pertaining to Latin America on such topics as international trade, government lobbying, tourism, intellectual property, and real estate. Prior to relocating to Boston, Mr. Chiquiar-Rabinovich practiced law in Puerto Rico, and held several appointed government positions in Puerto Rico, including Assistant Secretary of State, in charge of the Bureau of International Exchange and Technical Cooperation from 1993-95. In that capacity he coordinated and participated in the first visit by the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico, and five cabinet members, to Israel at the invitation of then Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. In 1997, Mr. Chiquiar-Rabinovich was a speaker at Harvard University's first Latin-America-Jewish Symposium.

He was a founder of the Puerto Rico-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and was a board member of the Association of America-Israel Chambers of Commerce. He is the President, of the *Hispanic National Bar Association* (New England Region), Past President of the New England-Latin America Business Council a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Boston Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), of the board of the Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project (PAIR), and of the American Friends of the Israel National Museum of Science. He is fluent in Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew and has had over ten years of experience in dealing extensively with international clients both from Israel and Latin America. Education: Georgetown University: J.D., (1989), M.S.F.S., and B.S. F.S., (1985). Fellow of Georgetown's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy,(1989). Publication: "Post 9/11 U.S. Business Immigration Law: Fundamentals on Transferring, Recruiting and Retaining Foreign-Professionals for Work in the U.S. Biotech & Life Science Sector," *The Journal of Biolaw & Business*, Volume 6, Number 3 (2003).