INVITATION



Seminar: The Harmonisation of Business Law in the Caribbean

Hotel Nacional de Cuba 28-30th June 2017

INFORMATION No.1

The Cuban Society of Business Law of the National Union of Cuban Jurists, in coordination with the Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration and The Organisation for the Harmonisation of Business Law in the Caribbean (OHADAC) holds the

Seminar: The Harmonisation of Business Law in the Caribbean

The Seminar is open to professionals or students of Law interested in the following topics to be studied:

- 1. Arbitration
- 2. Conflict of Laws
- **3.** Contracts
- 4. Companies

- 5. Business Guarantees
- 6. Sea Transport
- 7. Enforcement Methods

The Day's work sessions shall all be held in plenary session.

An initial Talk shall be given by the Presenter of the topic, which shall introduce the papers or reports. Panels or round tables may also be organised in the event several participants sharing the same topic request to do so. This request must be made to the Academic Committee of the Seminar, specifying:

- a) Names and surnames of the authors, with express reference to the person or persons that are going to present the
- work;
- b) Name of the work;
- c) Type of presentation;d) Institution to which it bel
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- e) e-mail, telephone number, or fax.

Papers shall have a presentation time of 20 minutes, and reports of up to 10 minutes. In the event of panels or round tables, up to half an hour shall be granted to the presenting team as a whole.

Each work shall require:

- a) a summary or abstract of no more that 200 words;
- b) reports to be submitted on up to a maximum of 10 A5 sheets of papers, with papers being allowed up to 20 A5
- sheets of paper. If the method chosen is a panel or round table, the total number of participants must be no more than 4.
- c) a paper copy and a digital copy to be submitted.

The participants are reminded that **the works must deal with the topics of the Seminar**. National participants shall be selected by the Organising Committee. The decision of the Academic Committee regarding the presentation of works is final, with the submission date being 2nd June 2017 or before via e-mail for foreign participants.

Academic Committee:

Rodolfo Dávalos Fernández, President of the Cuban Society of Business Law of the National Union of Cuban Jurists

Omar de Jesús Fernández Jiménez, Vice-President of the Cuban Society of Business Law Narciso Cobo Roura, Vice-President of the Cuban Court of International Business Arbitration

GENERAL PROGRAMME:

• Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th

9am-4pm Accreditation in the National Headquarters of the NUCJ (Calle 21, esquina a D. Vedado. La Habana).

• Wednesday 28th June

9am-12pm Accreditation in the National Headquarters of the NUCJ (Calle 21, esquina a D. Vedado. La Habana). 4pm Inauguration.

- Conference: The Harmonisation of Business Law in the Caribbean and the OHADAC", Dr. Catherine Sargenti, President of ACPLEGAL and OHADAC. Guadeloupe, France.
- Keynote Address: International Commercial Arbitration and Investments. Its current importance. José Carlos Fernández Rozas, Universidad Complutense, Madrid. Spain.

6pm Welcome Cocktail.

• Thursday 29th June:

- 9am Work Session.
 - o Arbitration. Speaker: Rodolfo Dávalos Fernández,
 - Conflict of Laws. Speaker: José Carlos Fernández Rozas, Universidad Complutense, Madrid. Spain, and Bertrand Ancel, Université París II, Panthéon, France.

1pm Lunch break.

3pm Work Session.

- o Contracts. Speaker: Sixto Sánchez Lorenzo, Universidad de Granada, Spain.
- o Companies. Speaker: Presenting Team
- Night: Free options

• Friday 30th June:

- o 9am Work Session. Papers and reports on:
- o Business Guarantees
- o Sea Transport
- Enforcement Methods

Conclusions

2pm Closing Cocktail.

REGISTRATION AMOUNT:

CUC 180, to be paid in cash directly upon accreditation. For university students, the amount shall be CUC 120 upon the presentation of a certifying document, and for companions, CUC 100, with the right to attend all activities included in the programme.

Registration Requests:

Registration requests must be made in writing to the National Headquarters, via fax, email, telephone or other means, before **12th June 2017**.

To facilitate the attendance of the event, tourist packages have been prepared, which may be acquired in the travel agencies of your country with travel to Cuba.

Persons interested in attending the event can contact the travel agencies of their respective countries, operating trips to Cuba, who will communicate with the Agency in Cuba in order to coordinate the reservation of the services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. The price of the Accommodation Offer is provided in **Convertible Cuban Pesos (CUC)**, valid nationally for the payment of tourist services and others. They may be acquired in the "Casas de Cambio (CADECAS)", located in various points of Havana, including hotels, José Martí airport, in addition to the International and Metropolitan Financial Banks.

2. The current regulations in effect in Cuba establish a 13% rate on the dollar, meaning that for **100 US Dollars cash** exchanged, **CUC 87** is obtained. In addition to this currency, **Euros may be exchanged for CUC**, in accordance with exchange rate in effect at the time of the transaction. If the payment is made by bank transfer or by payment link, the par value of the invoice is the same CUC Total = USD Total

3. We would like to make you aware that only MASTERCARD and VISA credit cards are accepted in Cuba, so long as they are not charged against a US bank or branch. You can pay in Restaurants and withdraw money from ATMs, CADECAS or Banks with these cards.

4. To gain access to the Island, an accepted passport **AND TOURIST VISA (Tourist Card)** is required, which can be obtained at Cuban Consulates, the Airport of your departure country for Havana and, if you travel by COPA, in the Panama Airport of transit for Havana, or in a Cuban Aviation Office. The price is USD 25.

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Via our website - Payment link/Payment with any Credit Card, except AMERICAN EXPRESS.
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- By bank transfer to our account in EUROS and/or USD. A charge of 3% shall be added to the nominal value of the invoice. Payment is made according to currency of the described accounts according to the exchange rate established by the Banco Financiero Internacional BFI - Cuba.

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- Upon arrival in cash in CUC, exchanging Dollars, Mexican Pesos, Euros, or other currency at the rate established in Cuba into CUC.