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Dear Friends, Colleagues and fellow ILS Members:

It is with great honor, pleasure and excitement that I welcome you this year to the International Law Section!

Thanks to the zeal of our past Chairs and the Officers and Executive Committee members who supported them, and thanks to each and every one of you, membership in the Section has reported a consistent and considerable growth; our relationship with local and renowned international organizations and bar associations has flourished; our online presence via our website, LinkedIn, and Facebook provides us with an effective platform for Section and member communications; our mentorship program has helped law students and young lawyers learn and develop successful careers in various areas of international law; and our seminars in the fields of international arbitration, intellectual property and trade have been remarkable.

Last year, for instance, we entered into Memoranda of Understanding with the Shanghai Bar Association and the Montreal Bar Association; we supported a legislative amendment that would help promote California as a venue for international arbitration; we participated with the American Bar Association, the American Society of International Law and the International Young Lawyers Association in various seminars and international law conferences; we met with the Consul Generals of Mexico, New Zealand, China, Poland, Israel, Brazil and Pakistan, as well as with foreign delegations from China, Russia and Pakistan; and we had several very well attended parties and mixers.

This year our agenda is just as ambitious, if not more, as we will continue to nourish and foster our local and international relationships; we will continue to serve as a resource for the international business and legal communities; and we will continue to provide Section members with up-to-date information on international law via conferences, CLE programs, "brown bag" seminars and our brand new International Law Section Journal. We will also join other Sections in trying to find ways to support our local courts, which are facing budget cuts, as well as the people who need but cannot afford competent legal representation.

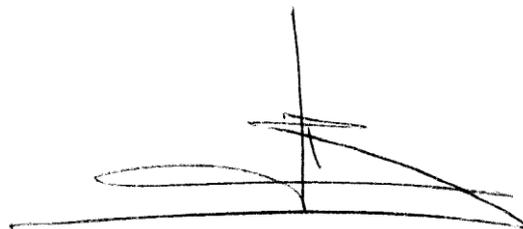
Fortunately, we have a magnificent team. At the officer level, we have Olga Zalomiy, intellectual property and business attorney with substantial transactional and litigation experience in the USA, the Russian Federation

and Europe; Rita Lauria, also a multi-licensed attorney (California & North Carolina), law professor, published author, and businesswoman involved in the legal representation of clients in civil, criminal, and family matters; David Griffith, who has over thirty years of specialized legal experience in counseling Southern California public and private companies on business and real estate transactions and litigation; and Ismael Bautista, who focuses his litigation practice in civil defense, general business litigation, insurance coverage, entertainment law, family law, labor and employment disputes, and trust and conservatorship proceedings.

At the Executive Committee level we also have some the finest and most exemplary attorneys. And at the institutional level, we have the Los Angeles County Bar Association, which is always supportive of our efforts and attentive to our needs. But most importantly, we have an extraordinary membership of which I am proud to be a part of!

I welcome you once again, and look forward to seeing you at all International Law Section events, starting with our inaugural Executive Committee meeting, which will take place on August 14, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the offices of Fox Rothschild, LLP in Century City, with Malcolm McNeil and Ismael Bautista as our gracious hosts.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mauricio Leon de la Barra'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Mauricio Leon de la Barra, Esq.
Chair
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