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INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND New York, October 14-16, 2004

The ABILA's annual **International Law Weekend** will take place **October 14-16, 2004** at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The Weekend is free to all members of the ABILA and co-sponsoring organizations. The theme for this year's conference will be: ***Worlds in Collision? International Law and National Realities.***

Some 35 panel discussions are planned. Highlights of the Weekend will include an on-site reception the evening of October 14 and a special reception the evening of October 15, for which members must register during the Weekend, at the Swiss Mission to the United Nations. On October 16 the luncheon speaker will be James Carter of the New York Bar, who was recently elected President of the American Society of International Law.

Anyone interested in organizing a panel or making a financial contribution to the Weekend should contact one of the three Co-Chairs of the planning committee: Charles Siegal (siegalcd@MTO.com), Philip Moremen (moremeph@shu.edu), or Lorraine M. Brennan (lbrennan@uscib.org). Other members of the planning committee are Lee Boyd, Christina Cerna, Paul Dubinsky, James Nafziger (*ex officio*), Ved Nanda, and Leila Sadat.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thanks to substantial efforts by the Branch, our membership has doubled since 1998. Particularly gratifying is a surge in both Regular and Student membership.

Many, if not most, ABILA members have already renewed memberships for 2004, but some of you have not. If you are in the latter category, we would be grateful for your prompt payment of dues. As usual, additional contributions are welcome. Checks for Regular (\$75), Sustaining (\$200), or Institutional (\$80) memberships and gifts to the Branch should be made payable to the *American Branch ILA* and sent to our Honorary Treasurer: Michael Gruson, Esq., Shearman & Sterling, 599 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

71st ILA CONFERENCE Berlin, August 16-21, 2004

Members planning to attend the forthcoming 71st ILA Conference in Berlin should note that the deadline for reduced registration fees and preferential hotel room rates is May 15, 2004. The program, registration details and hotel information are all available at the conference website (www.ila2004.org). Registration can be done either online or by downloading the PDF form available on the website.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

During the past two months ABILA members have participated in a highly successful Regional Meeting in Denver and co-sponsored conferences in San Francisco and Davis, California. In cooperation with the Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa, California, the ABILA will be organizing a third biennial International Law Weekend - West early in 2005 (details will follow in September). Any member interested in organizing a regional meeting should contact Jim Nafziger, ABILA President (tel: 503-370-6408 or e-mail: jnafzige@willamette.edu).

ABILA COMMITTEES

Members who wish to join an ABILA committee or to organize a new committee should contact either Co-Director of Studies: Professor Leila Sadat, Washington University School of Law (e-mail: sadat@wulaw.wustl.edu; tel: 314-935-6411) or Professor Roger Alford, Pepperdine University School of Law (e-mail: roger.alford@pepperdine.edu; tel: 310-506-4666).

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