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### PRACTITIONER ARTICLES AND STUDENT NOTES

The Inter-American Law Review (IALR) has always analyzed the legal, social, and economic connections among people in the Western Hemisphere and beyond. With the emergence of the Internet and air travel, these connections have become not only instantaneous, but also inescapable. Volume 45:1 (Fall 2013) touches on immigration, foreign arbitration, data protection, and includes a trio of Caribbean-focused articles. Interwoven throughout these articles are threads about citizenship, foreign aid and influence, extradition treaties and criminal law, and exciting technological innovations.

In *Facilitando the Cloud: Data Protection Regulation as a Driver of National Competitiveness in Latin America*, Horacio Gutierrez and Daniel Korn write about the rapidly burgeoning potential for cloud computing throughout Latin America, and the relevant regulatory schemes pertaining to cloud computing. IALR honored Attorney Gutierrez as its 2013 Lawyer of the Americas. Attorney Gutierrez is the Corporate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Microsoft Corporation. Mr. Korn is the Director of Corporate Affairs, Microsoft Latin America, and he travels frequently throughout the region.

Three of our student-written articles expound on the implications of immigration and emigration. In *Ruiz v. Robinson: Stemming the U.S. Citizen Casualties in the War of Attrition Against Undocumented Immigrants*, Andrew Verblow (J.D. May 2013) explores the ramifications of a 2012 decision on the ability of U.S. citizen children of undocumented parents to receive in-state tuition at Florida state colleges and universities. Third-year law student Monique Vieites examines international custody disputes in her note, *Chafin v. Chafin: Protecting a U.S. Parent's Power to Litigate International Abductions*. Daniel McDermott (J.D. December 2013) delves into the interactions between the U.S.

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criminal justice system and immigration policies in *The Padilla Wrecking Ball: Advocating for Change in Post-Padilla Jurisprudence to Address What Really Ails the Immigration System's Treatment of Noncitizen Defendants in the Post-Conviction Context*.

Third-year student Thomas White shows us a darker side of the sunny cruise line industry in his note about foreign crewmember employees: *Lost at Sea: Rescuing Cruise Line Crewmembers From the Perils of Foreign Arbitration*. Three of our practitioner articles traverse the Caribbean Sea, from Haiti to Jamaica, and onto even further flung Commonwealth Caribbean territories and countries like Trinidad and Tobago. Dr. Louis-Alexandre Berg looks at the barely functioning judicial system in post-earthquake Haiti in his article, *All Judicial Politics Are Local: The Political Trajectory of Judicial Reform in Haiti*. In *The Extradition Treaty Between Jamaica and the United States: Its History and the Saga of Christopher "Dudus" Coke*, Professor Kenneth L. Lewis, Jr. of Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center provides a fascinating study of the extradition treaty that resulted in the apprehension and eventual incarceration of notorious Jamaican drug lord, Christopher Coke. Finally, Barry University School of Law Professor Stephen J. Leacock engages in a thorough comparative analysis between lotteries in the United States and Commonwealth Caribbean countries in his article, *Lotteries and Public Policy in United States and Commonwealth Caribbean Law: Scrutinizing the Success of Lotteries as a Voluntary and "Painless" Tax*.

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