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### *President*

**Dr. Franklin Hoet-Linares (Venezuela)** - Born Maracaibo, Venezuela, February 26, 1943; admitted 1967, Venezuela. Education: Universidad Central de Venezuela (Master of Laws, 1967); Institut International d'Administration Publique de Paris (Master of Financial Economics); University of Paris, studied for Ph.D., Comparative Public Finance; University of Strasbourg, France (Comparative Law); Escuela Nacional de Administración Pública, Alcalá de Henares, Spain. Assistant Legal Counsel, Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons (now Ministry of Energy and Mines), (1969-1973).

Senior Partner since 1974 of the law firm Hoet Pelaez Castillo & Duque, formerly Bentata Hoet & Asociados, specializing in Foreign Investments; Intellectual Property; Oil, Gas and Energy Law and International Mediation and Arbitration.

Author: "The Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the Americas"; Oil, Cause of War or Instrument for Peace"; "Oil: Instrument for Peace and Development"; "The Scope of Application of the Venezuelan Mining Law and the Classification of Minerals"; "Effectiveness of Intellectual Property Rights in Venezuela" chapter: "Securities on Industrial Property" in "The New Role of Intellectual Property in Commercial Transactions", "The Franchise Agreement in Venezuela", "Modern Pilates" and "Mediation Administration and Negotiation of Alternate Justice",

Distinctions: World Lawyer Award, 1987. Rotary Club of Caracas, (President, 1984-1985); (President); World Jurist Association (former World Peace Through Law Center) (Former President, Vice-President and President for the Americas, 1991-1993); World Peace through Law Center, (President, Energy Committee); Sao Paulo, Cairo, Berlin, Seoul, Beijing, Barcelona and Manila Conferences (Chairman, Energy Committee); International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (Venezuelan Delegate); Licensing Executives Society (LES), (Director, Venezuelan Chapter); Venezuelan Association of Industrial Property Agents (COVAPI) (President, 1991 - 1993); Inter-American Bar Association (Treasurer, Venezuelan Chapter); International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI), Venezuelan Delegate); Inter-American Association of Trademark Agents (ASIPI);

Mediator of: The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); Arbitrator at: Interamerican Association of the Intellectual Property; Arbitration Center of the Caracas Chamber; For the Specialized Center of Arbitration and Conciliation of the Intellectual Property Conciliation Chamber, Bogotá, Colombia. President co-founder of the *Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)*; Member of the Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI), Francia and, as Arbitrator and Mediator of the World Service Group, USA.

Languages: Spanish, French and English.

Practice Areas: Foreign Investments; Oil: Gas and Energy Law; Intellectual Property, International Mediation.

### *First Vice-President*

**Ms. Kim Quarles (USA)** - Senior Vice President, Executive Risks at Willis of New York. Ms. Quarles holds a Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University and a J.D. from John Marshall Law School. She is a licensed attorney in the State of Illinois and is a member of the American Bar Association, 3rd Vice President of the World Jurist Association, and a member of the DRI [Defense Research Institute]. She is Vice Chair of DRI's Insurance Law Subcommittee on TRIA, Vice Chair of the Global Warming Committee, a member of both the

Professional Liability and Insurance Law committees of DRI, and Editor in Chief of the DRI TRIA Subcommittee's TRIA Resource Data Base. She is the former Vice President of the New England Region of PLUS, (Professional Liability Underwriters Society), and former Membership Liaison to PLUS National.

Ms. Quarles is a frequent speaker on insurance issues, professional liability issues, global warming and terrorism. Most recently she presented to the World Jurist Association on Undermining the Rule of Law by Violating Individual Rights; The Insurance Issues Related to Global Warming; The Economic Impact of Insurance Following Terrorist Events; TRIA's Impact on the Availability of Insurance; and The Issues Surrounding TRIA's Renewal.

She has also presented to the Association of Professional Insurance Women, on Cyber Liability and Terrorism; the Insurance Forum, on Professional Liability Conditions, Issues and Options and has also presented on Global Terrorism and the Business Community Impact at PLUS International's Annual Meeting and the State of the Market for Lawyer's Professional Liability at the ABA Ethics Committee meeting. She also has presented seminars to Law firms on among other topics, E-Discovery Compliance; Translating from English to Underwriting; and Limit Selection, How Much is Enough?; and Data Privacy & Risk Management – A Corporate Perspective

### ***Second Vice-President***

**Hon. Professor TAO Kaiyuan (P. R. of China)** - Justice and Vice President, Supreme Peoples' Court of China. Prof. Tao is also the Chairperson of Guangdong Provincial Committee of China Association for Promoting Democracy (CAPD); member of Central Standing Committee of CAPD (China Association for Promoting Democracy); Vice Chairperson of Guangdong Provincial Committee of CPPCC; and member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Prof. Tao holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) Degree in International Law from Wuhan University, a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Law from Wuhan University, and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Degree from Wuhan University. She has published over 40 academic papers in journals at home and abroad; authored, compiled and co-compiled a total of 25 works, including monographs, textbooks, reference books for teaching, collections of litigation cases, and dictionaries. Her published works include: *The Multilateralization of Laws on International Trade in Services and China's Legal Regulation on Foreign Trade in Services [Monograph]*, Law Press, China, 2000; *The Guide Book on Handling National Compensation Cases*, Law Press, China, 2014; *Studies and Practice on Intellectual Property Rights*, Intellectual Property Rights Press, China, 2014; and *An Analysis of the Status of China's Legal Interpretation System [Journal Paper]*, Science of Law (Journal of Northwest College of Politics and Law), 1999 (6), to mention but a few.

### ***Third Vice President***

**H.E. Mr. Zayed Saeed AlShamsi (UAE)** - Chairman of the Board of the UAE Association for Lawyers and Legal. Mr. AlShamsi has been an Advocate and Legal Consultant since 1997 at Zayed Al Shamsi Advocates and Legal Consultants. His practice includes civil, commercial, family law, real estate and criminal cases. Mr. AlShamsi has also worked as a Public Prosecutor and acting Director of Public Prosecutions – Dubai Public Prosecution; chairman of the Board of Directors of Emirates Association for Lawyers and Legal; chairman of Complaints, Laws and Cassation Committee – Human Rights Associations – UAE; legal consultant at Ajman Executive Council; and International Commercial Arbitrator – Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Center – International Mediation & Arbitration Center.

Mr. AlShamsi holds a BA in Law and Police Science from the Dubai Police Academy (1990/1991); The Police Science Diploma, Dubai Police Academy (1991); and is A licensed Advocate of all Federal and Local Courts) Primary, Appeal and Cassation) since 1997.

## ***President of the World Association of Law Professors (WALP)***

**Prof. Ved. P. Nanda (USA)** – is the Director, International Legal Studies Program, University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He has taught at the University of Denver since 1965. In addition to his scholarly achievements, he is significantly involved in the global international law community. He is a Past President of the World Jurist Association and a sustaining member, former honorary Vice President of the American Society of International Law and now its counselor, and a member of the advisory council of the United States Institute of Human Rights. He was formerly the United States Delegate to the World Federation of the United Nations Associations, Geneva, and Vice-Chair of its Executive Council, and also served on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association-USA. He also serves as an elected member of the American Law Institute and as a council member for the American Bar Association Section of International Law.

In 2006 Professor Nanda was honored with a \$1 million founding gift from DU alumni Doug and Mary Scrivner to launch the Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law. The Center began its programming in 2007, hosting programs for the lawyers, students and community participants as well as promoting scholarship in the field of international law.

In February 2004, Professor Nanda was awarded the “Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award for Community Peace Building” from Soka Gakkai International and Morehouse College. In 1990 in Beijing, China, Professor Nanda was presented with the “World Legal Scholar” award by the World Jurist Association. He was also the recipient of the United Nations Association Human Rights Award in 1997. He has received honorary doctorates from Soka University in Tokyo, Japan and from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India. He is widely published in law journals and national magazines, has authored or co-authored 22 books in the various fields of international law and over 180 chapters and major law review articles, and has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor and Scholar at a number of universities in the United States and abroad.

## ***President of the World Association of Judges (WJA)***

**Hon. Justice Bola Ajibola (Nigeria)** - President/Founder of Crescent University. Presently serves as the WJA President for the World Association of Judges. He obtained his first degree in Law from Holborn College of Law, University of London, 1959-62. Honorable Barrister-at-Law of Lincoln’s Inn also in 1962. He was President of the Nigerian Bar Association, 1984 – 85; Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, 1985 – 91. He has a lot of Awards/Honours locally and internationally and is a member of various International Bodies.

Hon. Ajibola has held numerous international positions and led several Nigerian Delegations to sign many treaties, conventions and protocols; and has been charged with many international arbitration assignments. He is best known as:

- Judge of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, 1991 – 94.
- Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1994 – 2001.
- President and Judge of the world Bank Administrative Tribunal (Washington D.C and London) 1994-2005.
- President of World Association of Judges of the World Jurist Association.
- Arbitrator/Commissioner, Eritrea/Ethiopia Boundary Commission 1999 to date.
- Chairman of the Nigeria/Cameroon Mixed Commission from 2002 to date.

Only recently, in his continuing “harvest of honours”, he was conferred with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.), Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, December 13, 2003; and the Honorary Doctor of Agriculture (D. Agric), University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, January 28, 2004

**Awards:**

- Knight of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) – from Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, May 1989.
- Honorary Doctor of Law (LL.D.) of the University of Buckingham, 1996.
- World Jurist Award, 1987.
- Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), 1986.
- Life Member, Body of Benchers, Nigeria, 1991.
- Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.
- Ogun State of Nigeria Outstanding Citizen Merit Award, 1986.
- Life Member, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs.
- Honorary Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies, London.
- Commander of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFR).
- Out of his visionary initiative, he founded African Concern in 1994, the Islamic Mission for Africa (IMA) in 1996, and Proprietor/ Founder, Crescent University, Abeokuta, Nigeria in 2005.

***President of the World Association of Lawyers (WAL)***

**Ms. Ethia Simha (Israel)** - Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public, Ethia Simha Law Office; former advisor to two Israeli Prime-Ministers; former Head of Israeli women's delegations to the UN commissions; member of the Board of Governors of The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists; chairperson of the international committee of the Jerusalem Bar Association; WJA National President for Israel; chairperson of the Jerusalem Cancer Association; owner of awards in Israel and abroad; and former International Honorary Secretary of the International Alliance of Women (an umbrella Association of women's organizations) and its representative at the U.N. commissions especially the Crime Prevention Branch.

***President of the World Association of Business Associates (WBA)***

**Ms. Iris Jones (USA)** - Chief Business Development & Marketing Officer, McNees, Wallace & Nurick, LL.C. Ms. Iris Jones is also the current WJA President of the World Business Associates and formerly the CEO of Alchemy Business. Iris worked with Chadbourne & Parke since April 2007 and served as their Chief Business Development & Marketing Officer. She worked closely with firm leadership and partners to grow the business by expanding relationships with existing clients, provides strategy on identifying and capturing new clients, provided advice on making powerful presentations, provided coaching and advice on client-focused proposals and offered individuals, practice groups and teams support on business plans and strategy, client service and created differentiation in the marketplace.

Before joining Akin Gump as Client Services Advisor, Iris was an instructor for the WJF Institute, where she trained and coached hundreds of senior-level partners in global law firms on Client Development and Relationship Management. She practiced law in Texas for about 24 years in both the public and private sectors. She was a partner at two major law firms in Austin handling federal civil litigation and circuit appeals. Iris has been an active member of the State Bar of Texas since 1978. Iris also served as an Assistant Attorney General of Texas; Director of the City of Austin 's Law Department; Iris holds a B.A. from Bowling Green State University and a J.D. from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University.