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VII. LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE AMERICAS

A. Introduction

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What seems rather obvious to me after our series of discussions, ranging from terrorism to the environment to various problems in Argentina or opportunities in Cuba, is the enormous complexity of the future of legal issues in the Americas, which is what we are all about. If we are going to address this, it seems one of the major issues is how we go about educating our students, whether they be from Florida, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, or Costa Rica. It is a challenge to develop not only lawyers, but leaders and citizens in this complex environment. Our key presentation is by Alejandro Ogarrío.

Our panel will include, Jessica Parker, who is the president of the International Law Association at the University of Florida College of Law, a member of the International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court team, and in 1998-99, she was a Rotary International Ambassador Scholar, visiting Ulster, Northern Ireland. Dean Rafael Ballar is Dean of the University of Costa Rica, which is a partner institution to the University of Florida and one of the Levin College of Law's major undertakings. He has a degree in economics and the environment from the University of Bordeaux. He specializes in environmental law and administrative law and is a member of the National Academy of Public Law.

Robert Hendry is a University of Florida graduate, is an international law expert and his firm is Hendry & Stoner in Orlando. He is on the steering committee of the National Council of District Export. He is the chairman of the International Law Committee for the Florida Bar. He is a member of the University of Florida College of Law Advisory Board. He has authored a book, *U.S. Real Estate and the Foreign Investor*, as well as a number of other articles.

George Millard is an expert in laundering money and terrorism — not actually that he launders money and is a terrorist — and also a police chief and the director of the Metropolitan Institute of Criminology in São Paulo, Brazil. Millard is also a professor at the Policy Academy and a visiting professor at the University of Florida. Our final panelist, who will begin our session, is Alejandro Ogarrío. He studied law at Escuela Libre de Derecho, has an LL.M. from Harvard, and is the president of the Mexican Bar Association. He is a professor at Escuela Libre de Derecho and has truly a transnational and international perspective on legal education as he has

taught here at the University of Florida, Escuela Libre, and a number of other schools in Mexico.