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Please note: This trip is not an official Section activity.

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Dear Family Law Section Members,

At the invitation of Mr. C Arnel Medina Cuenca, President of the National Union of Cuban Jurists, we have been asked to lead a delegation from the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association to travel to Havana to meet with Cuban Jurists to research and discuss Cuba's family law policies. As the Chair and Immediate Past Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Family Law, we are honored to have been selected to lead this delegation and invite you to join us in this unique opportunity.

The schedule will be based on the American Bar Association Section of Family Law's mission to serve as the National leader in the field of Marital and Family Law, and on the goals for achieving this mission:

- To promote and improve the family
- To be the pre-eminent voice on marital and family issues
- To serve our members
- To improve public and professional understanding about marital and family law issues and practitioners
- To increase the diversity and participation of our membership
- To improve professionalism of all participants in the administration of marital and family law.

Topics of discussion will be based on the research interests and backgrounds of delegates, to include intervention custody, same-sex families, alimony and child support, alternative dispute resolution, mediation, and privatizing law.

Travel to Cuba is restricted by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury Department. This delegation will be travelling under OFAC regulation 31 CFR §515.564 General license for professional research. This license supports our access to the highest level professionals in Cuba.

Each member of the delegation must be in compliance with the General License issued by OFAC authorizing full-time professionals to conduct a full-time schedule of research activities in Cuba with the likelihood that this research will be publicly disseminated. To ensure compliance, each participant in the program will be required to provide a resume and sign an affidavit attesting to his or her status as a full-time professional, paid or unpaid, in the field of research.

Travel arrangements will be made through our cooperation with Professionals Abroad, a division of Academic Travel Abroad. The 60-year-old organization handles the logistical arrangements for prestigious organizations, such as National Geographic, The Smithsonian, The American Museum of Natural History and many top professional associations and universities. Academic Travel Abroad is licensed by the OFAC as a Travel Services Provider for US travel to Cuba.

This delegation will convene in Miami, Florida on March 4, 2012 at which time we will depart for Cuba. We will return to the United States on March 9, 2012. Delegates will participate in professional meetings and site visits each day; the final meetings and topics for discussion will be determined by the research interests and composition of the team.

The estimated cost per delegation member is \$4,995 U.S.D. This cost includes roundtrip international air arrangements between Miami and Havana; group transportation, meetings, accommodations in double-occupancy rooms, most meals, and essentially all other costs associated with participation.

For U.S. citizens, expenses associated with this program may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. You should consult with a tax advisor to determine if tax deductibility is applicable to you.

Due to the extensive planning and communication involved in coordinating a program of this nature, please respond with your intentions regarding this invitation as soon as possible. Please RSVP to Professionals Abroad at 1-877-298-9677 or via the web at www.professionalsabroad.org. A \$500 deposit is required to reserve your place on the team. In the event that you are unable to accept this invitation, an alternate delegate candidate will be invited. You may also recommend a colleague as your alternate for the program. We look forward to hearing from you regarding your participation.

If you have questions regarding the delegation, contact our Program Representative at Professionals Abroad, at 1-877-298-9677. For additional program details, to RSVP, or to recommend a colleague to be invited please visit www.professionalsabroad.org.

We are pleased to be involved in this exciting opportunity and hope that you will strongly consider participating in the delegation to Cuba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kessler', written in a cursive style.A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debra W. Lehrmann', written in a cursive style.

Randall Kessler, Esq. and Hon. Debra Lehrmann