

## Press Release

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### **Gabriel Dejarden and Polibio Valenzuela appointed to senior roles within the American Bar Association**

Two partners from ECIJA DVMS have been appointed to serve in senior roles within the American Bar Association's (ABA) Section of International Law. Gabriel Dejarden has been appointed Co-Chair of the Cross-Border Real Estate Committee, while Polibio Valenzuela has been appointed Co-Chair of the International Finance & Securities Committee. Both appointments run for a one-year term and will begin on August 11st 2018.

Mr. Dejarden's Real Estate practice encompasses the representation of MLB baseball teams, commercial real estate and hospitality companies in connection with the acquisition, sale and/or development of real estate assets, such as baseball academies, shopping malls and high end hotels and developments. He is a graduate of *Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Magna Cum Laude*, Georgetown University Law Center and is a member of the American Bar Association since 2009. Most of his work is focused in the Dominican Republic and Northern Latin America.

Mr. Valenzuela's Finance and Securities practice comprises the regular representation of lenders and borrowers in capital, asset backed and project finance loans, assisting underwriters with the issuance of securities and securitization matters, as well as assisting banks and financial institutions with general regulatory compliance. He is a graduate of *Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Summa Cum Laude*, and Georgetown University Law Center. Polibio is admitted to practice law in Dominican Republic and New York.

Global chair of ECIJA, Hugo Ecija, commented: "It is gratifying that our partners are regularly appointed to serve on such important bodies, which is testimony to their commitment, expertise and profile within their field. Gabriel and Polibio are highly experienced lawyers who will no doubt contribute to the ABA's mission, and from there to the profession as a whole".

#### **About ECIJA DVMS**

ECIJA DVMS is a full-service law firm with experience in all areas of business law and special recognition in the areas of Corporate, M&A, Labor, Tourism, Dispute Resolution and Real Estate. The Firm has been recognized by the most prestigious international rankings, such as The Legal 500 and IFLR. In addition to its Dominican Republic offices, the firm also has a presence in Spain, Portugal, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

#### **About the ABA Section of International Law**

The ABA Section of International Law, which has more than 20,000 members in 90 countries, is the leader in the development of policy in the international arena, the promotion of the rule of law, and the education of international law practitioners. It focuses on the full range of international legal issues and is involved in a wide variety of substantive legal activities. The Section seeks to promote and further the development of interest, activity, and research in international and comparative law and related areas; to promote knowledge and formulate professional opinion of international law among members of the legal profession and others;



to promote professional relationships with lawyers similarly engaged in foreign countries; and to advance the rule of law in the world. The Section has numerous task forces and more than 60 regional and special interest committees within 12 divisions — Africa/Eurasia, Americas/Middle East, Business Regulation, Constituent, Corporate, Disputes, Finance, Industries, Legal Practice, Public International Law, International Treaties, and Tax, Estates & Individuals — to closely monitor and disseminate information on domestic and international policy developments with implications for law practice. With more than 413,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world.

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