“Judicial Reform in Latin America: An Assessment”

Conference invitation

Wednesday, June 7

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

CSIS, 1800 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this conference is to measure and evaluate progress resulting from the latest wave of justice reforms in Latin America which began during the mid-1990s, with an eye toward “lessons learned” and “best practices” regarding such efforts. The conference will examine six case studies of judicial reform in the region and discuss broader trends in order to draw conclusions. Participants in the conference include experts in and practitioners of legal reform from around the Americas.

We hope you will be able to join us for this very important conference. The formal agenda is enclosed.

Please RSVP by June 5 by faxing this completed form to (202) 775-3199 or e-mailing the information below to vleffingwell@csis.org

Acceptances only, please. For additional information, please call (202) 775-3211.

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Conference Program

08:45 am    Registration and Coffee

09:00 am    Opening Remarks:    Peter DeShazo, director, Americas Program - CSIS
          Juan Enrique Vargas, executive director, CEJA, Chile

09:05-10:30 am    Panel One - Case Studies
Moderator: Peter DeShazo, director, Americas Program - CSIS

Argentina:    Alberto Binder, director, Public Policy Center for Socialism (CEPPAS), Argentina
Chile:    Cristián Riego, academic director, Justice Studies, CEJA, Chile
Peru:    César Azabache: partner, Vascones & Azabache, Peru

Respondents
Argentina:    Russell Wheeler, president, Governance Institute and Guest Scholar, The Brookings Institution
Chile:    Fay Armstrong, Administration of Justice officer, Office of Policy and Planning, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State
Peru:    Katya Salazar, programs director, Due Process of Law Foundation

Open Discussion

10:30-10:45 am    Coffee break
10:45-12:15 pm  Panel Two - Case Studies
Moderator: Juan Enrique Vargas, executive director, CEJA, Chile

Colombia: Alfredo Fuentes, Judicial program director, Andean Community
Guatemala: Luis Ramirez, director, Comparative Studies Institute on Legal Science of Guatemala (ICCPG)
Venezuela: Rogelio Perez Perdomo, Law School director, Metropolitan University of Venezuela

Respondents
Colombia: Eduardo Bertoni, executive director, Due Process of Law Foundation
Guatemala: Christina Biebensheimer, chief counsel of the Justice Reform Practice Group in the Legal Vice Presidency, World Bank
Venezuela: Margaret Sarles, division chief, Office of Democracy and Governance, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID

Open Discussion

12:30-2:00 pm  Working Luncheon - Conclusions and Recommendations
Moderator: Peter DeShazo, director, Americas Program - CSIS

- Douglas Cassell, director, Center for International Human Rights Clinical Professor of Law, Northwestern School of Law
- Linn Hammergren, senior public Sector Management Specialist, The World Bank
- Claudio Grossman, dean Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, American University
- Juan Enrique Vargas, executive director, CEJA

Open Discussion

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