

May 12, 2011

To: State Bar of Texas International Law Section (“ILS”)

From: Betty Ungerman  
Chief IP and Global Commercial HVAC Counsel, Lennox International, Inc.  
Chair, ILS

Re: 2010-2011 Term Year in Review, 2011 Annual Meeting and Next Year

Dear ILS Members:

This year was a very successful and memorable one for the ILS, and I would like to thank you all for your input, participation and efforts. In 2010 we embarked on an ambitious, multi-year process to increase participation and networking opportunities, transform and improve some of the offerings to our members, and prepare the ILS for solid growth and success in the years ahead. In 2011, we realized some of these goals, most notably:

- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Law Institute was held on February 24-25, 2011 in Houston, Texas. Some of the topics included: Developments in Brazil, Understanding the New U.K. Anti-Corruption Laws, the international impact of the *Macondo* well blowout on the global energy industry, and views from the leading lawyer in Turkey on the role of its legal system at the crossroads of Islamic and Western legal and political systems;
- The ILS sponsored various events, including a fall evening social event for our Houston existing and prospective members and a spring reception, co-sponsored with the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, for Judge Allan Rosas of the Court of Justice of the European Communities;
- Our Law Student Outreach program once again conducted orientation sessions at various Texas law schools to educate students about careers focused on international legal issues. As a result of this and previous years' efforts, we continue to attract increased young lawyer and law student participation; and
- We conducted a comprehensive survey of our members, the responses and themes from which are going to help us shape the ILS agenda for the next few years. Particularly, based on your feedback and the responses, we will be turning our focus to initiatives themed around the following:
  - Increasing visibility and opportunities for active participation for our membership in ILS events.
  - Facilitating increased and revamped communications to and amongst our membership;
  - Becoming an informational resource in Texas for international legal issues and practices; and

- Assisting the enhancement of legal skills and knowledge for Texas lawyers practicing international law.

In order to achieve our goals, the Officers and Council of the ILS want to work hand-in-glove with our membership and continue to benefit from your feedback and participation. **To this end, I would strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting of the ILS being held on June 23 at 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio and Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center.** You will get a chance to meet and interact on a personal level with the ILS leadership, and also share your ideas regarding the future of the ILS. At the meeting we will elect new Officers and Council members, as well as discuss plans for the 2011-2012 Bar year and beyond. We will also provide CLE presentations centered on this year's topic for the ILS: *Texas Business in the Global Market: Looking Back and Looking Forward*. You should have received a brochure from the State Bar with registration information, and can also register at <http://www.texasbar.com/annualmeeting>. You will be receiving shortly a separate announcement with the proposed Officer and Council slate for 2011-2012.

We hope you will make plans to join us in San Antonio and, more importantly, to join us for the ILS' broader activities! Also, please visit us at [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "B. Gonzales", is located in the lower right quadrant of the page.