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"The Role of the Judiciary in the Violation of Human Rights in Ecuador"

September 14th 2016 – 9:30am to 1:30pm

**U.S. Congress - Washington DC
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2255**

PROGRAM

9:30am to 10:00am – Registration and Coffee Breakfast

**10:00am to 10:15am -- Opening – Beatrice E. Rangel – Director of IID
“Without separation and independence of powers there is no democracy”**

**10:15am to 10:30am -- Inter-American Bar Association
Prof. Bjorn Arp Ph.D.**

**10:30am to 10:45am – Keynote Speaker
Douglas Cassel J.D.**

**11:00am to 11:15am – “The Judiciary as a Tool to Silence Freedom of Expression Online in
Ecuador”
Daniela Salazar Marin LL.M.**

**11:15am to 11:30am – “Judicial Misuse for Political Repression”
Dr. Jaime Vintimilla Saldaña MSt.**

**11:30am to 11:45am – “Judicial Misuse in the Control of Mass Media”
Dr. Jorge Zavala Egas**

**11:45am to 12:00pm – “Judicial Misuse for Political Repression”
Carlos Manosalvas Silva Mst.**

**12:00pm to 12:15pm – “The Relationship Between Government and Civil Society,
and the Abuse of Criminal Law in Ecuador”
Rafael Paredes Corral LL.M.**

**12:15pm to 12:30pm – Closing Remarks/Summary
Juan Antonio Blanco Ph.D.
Douglas Cassel J.D.**

**12:30pm – Closing Remarks
Congresswoman - Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**

Featuring Keynote Speaker - Prof. Douglas Cassel J.D. Professor Cassel is a distinguished and widely published scholar, attorney and commentator specialized in International Human Rights Law, especially regarding to issues of Business and Human Rights, regional Human Rights Systems, International Criminal and Humanitarian Law. He is the President of the Board of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas, to which he has been elected three times by the Organization of American States, and former President of the Due Process of Law Foundation. He has served as a consultant on Human Rights to the United Nations, Organization of American States, United States Department of State and Department of Justice, the Ford Foundation, and numerous non-governmental human rights organizations. He lectures worldwide and his articles are published internationally in both English and Spanish.

Inter-American Bar Association - Prof. Bjorn Arp Ph.D. Dr. Björn Arp is a Fellow at American University Washington College of Law Center on International Commercial Arbitration where he also co-teaches International Commercial Arbitration. He is also editor-in-chief of the Law of the Sea Reports and a partner at Aparicio, Arp & Associates LLC, in Washington, D.C. He taught Public International Law, European Union Law, and Investment Arbitration at the University of Alcalá, Madrid, from 2000 to 2010. In 2007, Arp was a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School. His publications and researches have focused on International Investment Protection and Human Rights.

1. "The Judiciary as a Tool to Silence Freedom of Expression Online in Ecuador" - Daniela Salazar Marín LL.M. Professor Salazar is the Associate Dean of the -Universidad San Francisco de Quito- Law School (Quito) and a former Human Rights Specialist for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. She has also written many articles in International Human Rights Law and Immigration Law. Professor Salazar received her LL.B from the University San Francisco Law School (Quito) and her LL.M from Columbia Law School (New York). Among her affiliations, she is also a member of academic area of Legal Science for Casa de la Cultura, Extraterritorial Obligations Consortium (Heidelberg) and member of SELA - Yale University.

2. "Judicial Misuse for Political Repression" - Dr. Jaime Vintimilla MSt. Professor. Vintimilla is a faculty member of San Francisco University Law School, and a professor at the graduate programs in Law at Andean Simon Bolívar University (Quito) and Alcalá de Henares (Spain). He has written more than 25 articles and books about Constitutional and Financial Law, also about arbitration, mediation, history, genealogy and Indian justice.

3. "Judicial Misuse in the Control of Mass Media" Dr. Jorge Zabala Egas.

Professor Zabala, is a faculty member of the graduate program in law at Pontificia Universidad Católica (Guayaquil and Cuenca). He also teaches law at UESS (Universidad de Especialidades Espíritu Santo Santiago de Guayaquil) and San Gregorio University (Portoviejo). He has written many articles, books, and conducted several workshops on Constitutional, Criminal and Procedural Law.

4. "The Judiciary as an Instrument of Censorship". Dr. Fabricio Rubianes Morales MSt. Professor Rubianes is a faculty member of Universidad Central del Ecuador and managing partner at Rubianes and Associates Law Firm (Ecuador). Professor Rubianes received a B.A. in Political and Social Science from Universidad Central del Ecuador and has a Juris Doctor from Universidad Internacional del Ecuador. He also has a Master's degree in Education and is candidate for a Master of Law in Criminal and Procedural Law from Universidad Central del Ecuador. **Carlos Manosalvas MSt.** is an associate in Quevedo & Ponce Law Firm in Ecuador and one of the attorneys that represented Mr. Francisco Endara in his criminal proceedings. Mr. Manosalvas received a Master in International Environmental Law and a Master in International Negotiation and Foreign Commerce.

5. "The Relationship Between Government and Civil Society, and the Abuse of Criminal Law in Ecuador" - Rafael Paredes Corral LL.M. Mr. Paredes is an Ecuadorian Lawyer with a Master of Law (LLM) from University College London. He practices law in Ecuador and can also provide legal advice on legal matters relating to International Law in countries of Latin America. His areas of specialization are Competition Law, Investment and Energy Law, and Human Rights. Rafael works with Human Rights' cases, including crimes against humanity, such as torture, illegal imprisonment and enforced disappearance of persons. As an expert in Trafficking in Persons he provides technical assistance to State Institutions, international organizations and non-governmental organizations on TIP prevention, protection of TIP victims, and sanctions of traffickers. Mr. Paredes received an LL.B. from San Francisco University Law School (Quito) and a B.A. in Political Science and International Development from Saint Mary's University (Canada)

6. "The Relationship Between Government and Civil Society, and the Abuse of Criminal Law in Ecuador" - Pier Paolo Pigozzi LL.M and S.J.D (Candidate). Professor Pigozzi is a JSD candidate at Notre Dame Law School and a faculty member of San Francisco University Law School (Quito). He was also an adjunct professor of Constitutional Law at the Pontifical Catholic University (Ibarra, 2009-2009), and in recent years he taught International Jurisprudence at Universidad Andina Simon Bolívar (Quito). Moreover he has published many articles and conducted several workshops on International Refugee Law, Human Rights, and Constitutional Law. Before attending Notre Dame University, he was a clerk at the Ecuadorian Constitutional Court (2009), and worked with refugees for four years in different capacities at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2008-2009), at the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2005-2008). Prof. Pigozzi received his LL.B. from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador and an LL.M. from

Notre Dame University.

Sebastian González is an Ecuadorian Lawyer and expert in Constitutional and Electoral Law. He received his LL.B. from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador and postgraduate studies from Universidad Externado (Colombia).

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