May 31, 2010

IPBA Scholarship Committee
Present

Re: Scholar Report with respect to the IPBA Meeting held in Singapore from May 2 – 5 2010.

Dear Committee:

I would first of all like to thank the Scholarship Committee for your support and help in making possible my attendance to the IPBA meeting.

The idea of having a scholarship group elected by this committee each year is definitively the best way to ensure that the IPBA will grow with young members from around the world.

With respect to the meeting itself, I was happily surprised with the excellent organization and activities prepared by Rhonda and the Committee for us.

I remember the excellent reception for IPBA Scholars, Women Business Lawyers and New Members of IPBA, we were introduced, and Mrs. Fang Ai Lian talked about how women’s can combine both family and excellent professional carriers, and that the key to success in our life’s depends exclusively on us.

Next, we were transported to a talk that showed the success of Singapore, Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew showed us the ability to drive a countries direction.

On the next day, I was happily surprised by the passionate and deep knowledge that Vice President Al Gore showed with respect to climate change, the questions raised by Professor Tommy Koh allowed the whole audience to get an impression from one of the leaders of the matter.

I was able to attend some panels, for example the "Cross-Border Law Reforms - Change in Investment Climate" were our chair Committee Mrs. Noor Meurling showed us how Asian countries have been opening their economies to attract foreign investment, the mining case raised by her was the best way to highlight this issue in Indonesia.

Events such as the Istana Dinner and the Universal Studios night event, allowed all participants to get a sense of how diverse and globalized is an institution like the IPBA.

It is not fair to raise names in this report, but during only five days I was able to meet great people from so many jurisdictions, who taught me not only skills to be a better lawyer, but issues in how to develop as a person and as a family member.

The scholars group was a magnificent group of 6 members, I had the chance to share with all of them, and after only 5 days I feel that very good friends have departure for their countries, I wish them success in the years to come, as well as Rhonda who took
the time during the meeting to make sure we were doing fine, or to advice or help when someone had a need, many thanks Rhonda for your time, kindness, patience and hard work.

Recognizing a meeting as a huge success is never sufficient, I feel like that a scholar I am and must be committed in the development of this organization in my jurisdiction, and this is definitively not a one year plan, it shall be a long term plan, with the objective of contributing in the years to come to make this institution an organization who is a voice in the world for lawyers, and whose members are honest, passionate and great leaders in their respective fields.

As a scholar I feel that the meeting truly gave us a rich and memorable experience. I extend once more my sincere thanks to the IPBA Scholarship Committee and Secretariat, and the entire members of the IPBA.