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**To: Chair**

**IPBA Scholarship Committee**

**IPBA Scholar Report on the participation at the 22<sup>nd</sup> IPBA Annual Meeting & Conference held in New Delhi, India from the 29<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.**

This year's Conference titled '*Legal Trends, Thoughts And Times*' was both an interesting educational conference for me and I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the IPBA members, IPBA Scholarship Committee headed by Ms. Varya Simpson, the IPBA Secretariat and the generous donors who made my participation possible this year as a Scholar under the Young Lawyer category.

Speaking about the programme, I found it to be well planned and we started off with a tour of the Delhi Court System coordinated by Ms. Kum Kum Sen of Barucha & Partners and thereafter a Continental meal organized and sponsored by the IPBA Scholarship Committee.

In respect of the Conference Committee Working Sessions I personally found myself spoilt for choice and often found myself shuttling between sessions so as to not miss out anything. Hence finally I ended up attending the following sessions on a) Dispute Resolution in Mega Construction Contracts b) The Challenges of Efficient Arbitration – Trends, thoughts & Best Practices, (c) Enforcement of Arbitration Awards – Challenges and Opportunities (d) Islamic Financial International Trade: Challenges & Issues and (e) Resolution of Trade Secret Disputes.

I found different sessions taking different approaches whilst some focused primarily on addressing legal issues prevailing from the perspective of different jurisdictions, others focused on a problem solving approach as was taken in the final session relating to Resolution of Cross Border Trade Secret Disputes which I found to be extremely fascinating given multitude of ways different jurisdictions have come up with stratagems to resolve such disputes.

I found the Conference to be very hospitable and despite being a young lawyer most IPBA members made an effort make us feel welcome and often engaged in lively discussions which were both interesting and educational. IPBA Scholarship Committee including Ms. Varya Simpson and Mr. Amit Acco as well as Ms. Ms. Yukiko Okazaki was extremely helpful and guided us throughout the conference.

I do not think that report of this Conference will not be complete without a mention of the Gala Dinners hosted by Mr. Rohit Kochhar of Kochhar & Co. as well as I.L.A. Pasrich & Company along with the dinners that were organized by the IPBA Organizing Committee which were colourful, cultural and entertaining providing an excellent opportunity to socialize as well.

A special mention of Kingdom of Dream which was amazing all around starting from the Zangoora performance to the food and shopping available, undoubtedly as cultural extravaganza unmatched and it was star classed night.

Last of all I want to thank my colleagues and fellow scholars with whom I have made lasting friendships despite knowing each other for a brief duration which goes on to show that it is quality of friendship that matters and not the duration of it. They have indeed made my participation an unforgettable one.

I hope to see everyone again at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference in Seoul, South Korea.