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Fernando Peláez-Pier, a new President for the IBA

Hoet Peláez Castillo & Duque is honoured to inform that in January 2009 our partner **Fernando Peláez-Pier** take up office as the twenty-first President of the **International Bar Association** (IBA) and has a two-year tenure as president, which runs until 31 December 2010.

On taking the helm as the first Mexican-Venezuelan president of the IBA, Fernando Peláez-Pier commented, *'It is an honour, but also a huge responsibility to lead the body defined as "the global voice of the legal profession." I am looking forward to the many challenges which lie before me in my new role. In these particularly turbulent times, brought about by the global economic crisis, a new economic order must be defined and consequently new regulations must be enacted around the world. In this regard it is my priority to ensure that the IBA remains at the forefront of analysing and developing regulations on the financial services and related sectors. I will strive to work with the many elements of the IBA, including the individual international legal practitioners, the bar associations and law societies to this end.'* He added, *'I have been involved with the IBA for more than 20 years, and as President of this eminent association I'll aim to enhance further the work and reputation of the Association.'*

Mr. Peláez-Pier has been involved with the IBA for more than 20 years and during his long-standing association with the IBA, he has held a number of other key positions including those of Vice-President, Secretary-General, and Chair of the Section on Business Law. In addition he played a large role in the team responsible for streamlining and restructuring the IBA during 2004 and 2005, and was most pro-active in establishing the IBA's increasingly successful Latin American forum begun in the 1990s.

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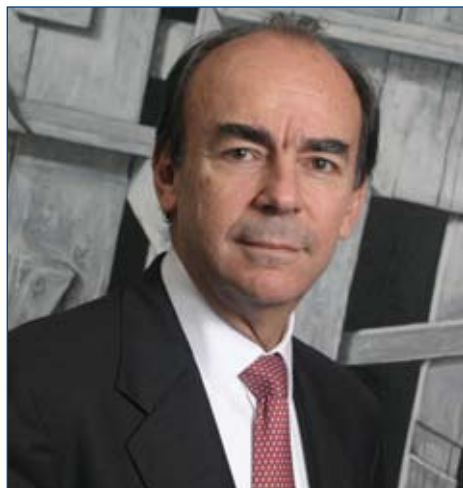
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FERNANDO PELÁEZ-PIER



Fernando Peláez-Pier is a graduate of the Iberoamericana University, Mexico City; Paris University (diplôme d'études supérieures); and the Universidad de Los Andes, Merida, Venezuela.

He joined Bentata Hoet & Asociados (now Hoet Pelaez Castillo & Duque) in 1977, where he currently leads as one of its Corporate Partners. Mr Peláez-Pier is a prominent member of the global legal fraternity, and as an expert on inward investment, he has helped several of the largest multinational corporations developing their businesses in Venezuela. He practices in the areas of contract negotiations, mergers & acquisitions, foreign investments, project finance and alternative dispute resolution.

Prior to joining Hoet Pelaez Castillo & Duque, Mr Peláez-Pier was responsible for setting up the London office of Bomchil, Castro, Goodrich, Claro, Arosemena & Associates and was Director of their Paris and London offices from 1972 to 1976. He was an associate at Goodrich, Riquelme & Associates, Mexico City from 1967 to 1972.

In addition to advising governments and major investors such as the Mitsui Corporation and the Washington DC-based International Finance Corporation, Mr Peláez-Pier has also played a prominent role in commercial litigation. Most recently, he has been involved in a fiercely contested suit between Korean company Samsung and a local distributor, estimated to be worth around US\$1 billion.

Mr Peláez-Pier was Chairman of the Federation of Binational Chambers of Commerce of the European Community (FEDEUROPA) 1981–1982; Lex Mundi Chairman, 1992–1993, and served as Vice-President of the International Bar Association (IBA) (2007–2008); Secretary-General (2005–2006), Chair of the IBA Section on Business Law (2002–2004), Vice-Chair (2000–2002), and Secretary-Treasurer (1998–2000). He is a member of the advisory board for the Institute for International and Comparative Law and the Interamerican Bar Association.

Mr Peláez-Pier has been awarded the Miranda State Bar Association Gran Orden del Colegio de Abogados del Estado Miranda (2003) AND THE Professional Merit Award by Caracas Bar Association 'Miguel José Sanz' (2003).

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